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Edwards: Wife's Cancer Is Back

'CAMPAIGN GOES ON': Democratic presidential hopeful John Edwards hugs his wife, Elizabeth, on Thursday after announcing in a press conference that Elizabeth's breast cancer had recurred and severely worsened. The former North Carolina senator pledged to continue his 2008 campaign, his second bid for the presidency. ❖ **Setback:** A personal and political blow for the couple | **Page 3**

New Rival Guns for YouTube

NBC, News Corp. team up on free online video service

NEW YORK | In Big Media's latest attempt to combat Google Inc.'s YouTube, NBC Universal and News Corp. are banding together with AOL, MSN and Yahoo Inc. to form an ad-supported online video network for full-length TV shows, video clips and movies.

The new venture, which has yet to be named, is expected to launch this summer and would allow people to watch many shows online for free, including "Heroes" from NBC and "24" from Fox, which is owned by News Corp.

As YouTube does, the site would also allow users to upload their own videos and share the site's videos elsewhere, NBC and News Corp. executives told reporters on a conference call. The network would also be open to distributing programs from other media companies, they said.

The venture is clearly aimed at countering the explosive growth of YouTube, which has attracted millions of viewers to its homemade and user-contributed video clips, some of which are taken from copyright-protected TV shows. News Corp. president Peter Chernin said the new venture was aimed at providing viewers with a "legitimate, easy, widespread way" to view programming. SETH SUTEL (AP)

REVENGE | **Hustle & Flo** Music and movie pirates have put bounties on the heads of Lucky and Flo — two Labrador dogs who helped sniff out nearly 1 million illegal discs last week — days after joining Malaysia's anti-piracy effort, the New Straits Times

reported Thursday. The sniffer dogs, on loan for a month from the Motion Picture Association of America, have been moved to a safe house after a source tipped off officials about the bounty offered for killing the dogs. (AP) **EyeOpeners** | **Page 2**

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DANGERS

Activists Demand Uniform Mattress Height

The underside of a car is a familiar sight to auto mechanic Dean Blevins. Seeing one on top of him at 2:30 a.m., while he was in bed — that was new. A Jeep crashed through a wall of Blevins' Roanoke, Va., apartment early Tuesday and pinned him in his bed. It took firefighters an hour to free him, but he suffered only minor injuries. Blevins said his initial thoughts were less about his injuries than about going after the driver. "If I'd a had my gun," he told The Roanoke Times, "I'd probably shot him." (AP)

AWARDS

'Cat Woman of The Year' Chosen

A Beaufort, S.C., woman said she was so worried about reports of tainted pet food that she spent more than $1,000 buying all the product she could find at her local Wal-Mart. Margaret Trask said she filled a shopping cart full of canned pet food made by Canadian company Menu Foods at the Beaufort Wal-Mart after hearing about the recall Friday. She returned Wednesday to buy more food, but Trask said store officials asked her to leave. She plans to throw the food away so no animals will eat it. (AP)

SAM YEH/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

PASTRY

Dessert Queen

What would Marie Antoinette say about this situation. Surely, even the Fench queen, known for her love of sweets and disdain of so-called peasants' food, would be at a loss for words. Here a model lies on a 794-pound pineapple cake during a cake show in Taipei on Thursday. More than three hundred booths from 120 companies take part in this four-day cake exhibition at the World Trade Center. (AP)

AP

Lars had had it. The office microwave situation was simply out of control.

SNACKS

9,000,000 Gallons Of Aioli Requisitioned

A colossal half-ton squid, believed to be the largest ever caught, may be destined for a microwave. But researchers say they don't want to cook the creature — just defrost it so they can study it better. The squid can't defrost at room temperature because the process would take days, leaving the outside to rot, expert Steve O'Shea said. It would make calamari rings the size of tractor tires if cut up — but taste like ammonia. (AP)

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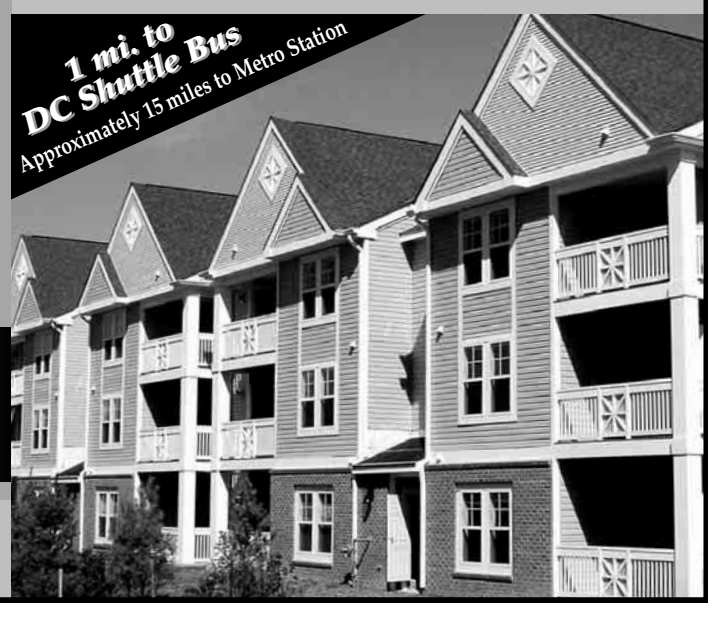

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OFF THE TABLE: Celebrity chef Wolfgang Puck is cooking up kinder, gentler menus. As part of a new initiative to fight animal cruelty, Puck said Thursday he will no longer serve foie gras, the fatty liver produced by overfeeding ducks and geese.

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In Brief

JAMES PEACO/AP

Grizzly bears have made a comeback in and around Yellowstone National Park.

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Grizzlies in Yellowstone Back From Near Extinction

Grizzly bears in and around Yellowstone National Park no longer need Endangered Species Act protection, the federal government said on Thursday. The area had an estimated 136 to 312 grizzlies when the species was listed as threatened in 1975, but has more than 500 of the bears today, the government said. (AP)

JEFFERSON CITY, MO.

State Board OKs Takeover Of St. Louis School District

The state school board voted Thursday to strip the accreditation from the St. Louis school district and take control of its struggling schools.

The roughly 32,000-student district has struggled academically and financially for years. Its operating budget has shown a negative balance for each of the past four years, and a special state panel appointed to recommend ways to improve the schools recommended that an unelected board to run the district. (AP)

Edwards Continues Presidential Bid

Candidate says he will be at wife's side as she faces recurring cancer

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. | Democrat John Edwards is forging ahead with his second bid for the presidency despite the sobering news that his wife, Elizabeth, is battling an incurable reappearance of cancer.

The presidential candidate revealed the closely guarded prognosis at a news conference Thursday. Putting to rest speculation about his political future, Edwards told reporters: "The campaign goes on. The campaign goes on strongly."

The recurrence of the cancer presents a setback for the couple, both personally and politically. Elizabeth Edwards' illness and treatment is certain to affect her husband's presence in the early voting states and may raise questions about the viability of his campaign.

GERRY BROOME/AP

Democratic presidential hopeful John Edwards and his wife, Elizabeth, arrive at a news conference in Chapel Hill, N.C., to speak about Elizabeth's cancer recurrence.

Faced with questions about how his wife's illness will affect the campaign, Edwards said he will pursue the presidency, but: "Any time, any place I need to be with Elizabeth, I will be there — period."

Elizabeth Edwards, 57, was first diagnosed with cancer in the final weeks of the 2004 campaign. She underwent several months of radiation and chemotherapy.

John Edwards said a biopsy of her rib had showed that the cancer had returned. The bone is one of the most common places where breast cancer spreads, and once it does so it is not considered curable.

But how long women survive depends on how widespread the cancer is in the bone, and many can survive for years. The longer it takes for cancer to spread after the initial tumor, the better the prognosis. MIKE BAKER (AP)

Obama-Linked Man Made Clinton Ad

Illinois senator says he had nothing to do with creation of video

WASHINGTON | The Internet video sensation that targeted Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton now has rival Sen. Barack Obama on the spot.

Heralded by many as the embodiment of Web-driven citizen activism, a mysterious YouTube ad has been revealed as the work of a Democratic operative employed by a consulting firm with Obama links.

YOUTUBE

This popular YouTube video compares Sen. Hillary Clinton to Big Brother.

"It's true ... yeah, it's me," said Philip de Vellis, a 33-year-old strategist with Blue State Digital, a Washington company that advises Democratic candidates.

Blue State designed Obama's Web site, and one of the firm's founding members, Joe Rospars, took leave from the company to work as Obama's director of new media. In a statement, the Obama campaign said it "had no knowledge and had nothing to do with the creation of the ad."

De Vellis left Blue State Digital on Wednesday. He said he resigned; the firm's managing director said he was fired. JIM KUHNHENN (AP)

Lobbyist's Prison Term May Be Cut

MIAMI | Federal prosecutors took the first steps toward reducing the prison sentence of disgraced former Washington lobbyist Jack Abramoff, who is currently scheduled for release in 2011, for a Florida fraud conviction. Documents filed in federal court say Abramoff has provided "substantial assistance" in a separate Washington corruption scandal investigation. Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul F. Schwartz did not recommend how much Abramoff's sentence should be cut. (AP)

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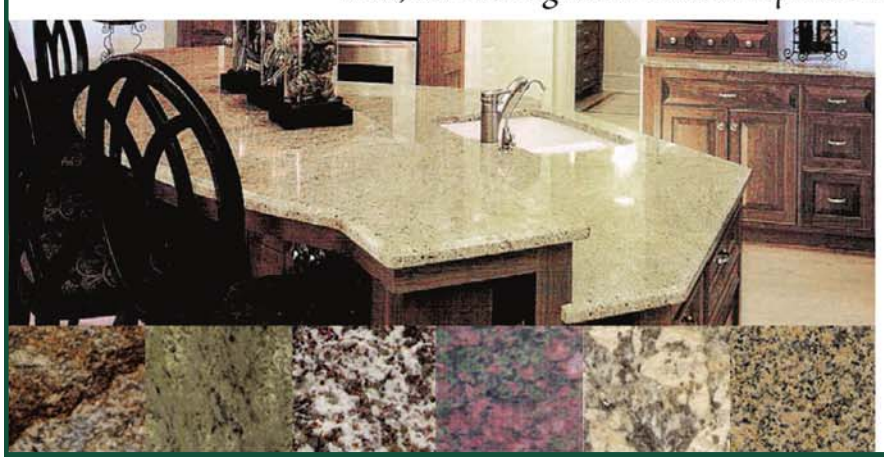

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LET'S TALK: Dozens of taped conversations between then-President Bill Clinton and historian Taylor Branch will be edited into a book, tentatively titled "Wrestling History: The Bill Clinton Tapes," to be published in 2008, Simon & Schuster announced Thursday.

Democrats Pursue Testimony Deal

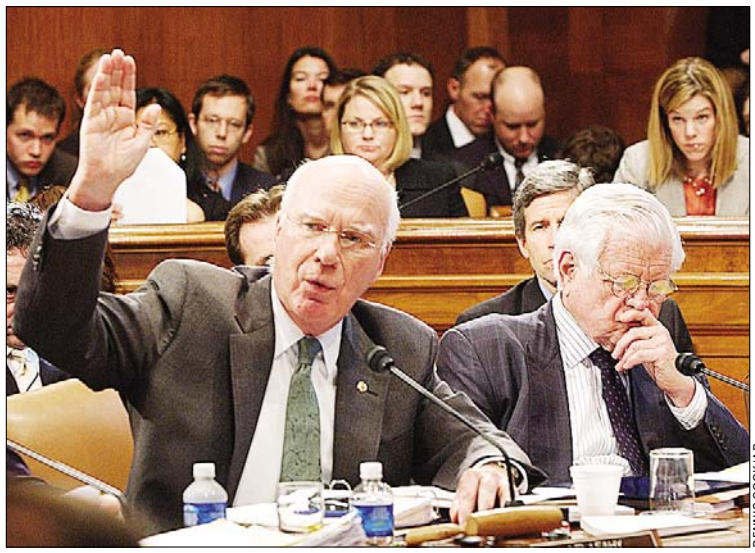
Senators threaten subpoenas as private negotiations continue

WASHINGTON | Senators joined the House on Thursday in approving subpoenas to force President Bush's political adviser and other aides to testify about the firings of federal prosecutors, setting off new efforts to avoid a dragged-out court fight.

Democrats portrayed the subpoena authority, approved on voice vote by both the House and Senate Judiciary committees, as a bargaining chip in negotiations over the terms of any testimony by White House political adviser Karl Rove.

The committees' chairmen, Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., and Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., appeared in no rush to issue subpoenas to White House officials and provoke a standoff.

Talks continued behind the scenes, officials said, even as the White House and majority Democrats engaged in strategic posturing before the cameras.



DENNIS COOK/AP

Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., left, and Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., debate issuing subpoenas to White House staffers regarding the firing of federal prosecutors.

In a letter Thursday, Senate Democrats rejected White House counsel Fred Fielding's offer to let Rove and other administration officials talk about their roles in the firings, but only on Bush's terms: in private, off the record and not under oath.

"I have never heard the Senate take an ultimatum like that," Leahy said. "I know he's the decider for the White House. But he's not the decider for the United States Senate."

White House spokesman Tony Snow cast the administration's offer to allow Rove, former White House counsel Harriet Miers and their deputies talk to lawmakers in private as the best deal Democrats are going to get.

"We opened with a compromise," Snow told reporters. "By our reaching out, we're doing something that we're not compelled to do by the Constitution." But, he added, "The phone lines are still open."

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., the Senate committee's former chairman, suggested the committees could grant two of the president's demands — private interviews and not under oath — but persuade the White House to allow a transcript that could be made public. But he said he had not spoken with the White House about such a compromise.

"The dust has to settle first," Specter said.

On that, Snow agreed: "We're going to let this thing simmer a little bit and let people reflect on it." LAURIE KELLMAN (AP)

Web Porn Restriction Overturned

PHILADELPHIA | A federal judge on Thursday dealt another blow to government efforts to control Internet pornography, striking down a 1998 U.S. law that makes it a crime for commercial Web sites to let children access "harmful" material.

In the ruling, the judge said parents can protect their children through less restrictive means that do not limit free speech rights.

"Perhaps we do the minors of this country harm if [free speech] protections, which they will with age inherit fully, are chipped away in the name of their protection," wrote Senior U.S. District Judge Lowell Reed Jr.

The law would have criminalized Web sites that allow children to access material deemed "harmful to minors" by "contemporary community standards." Penalties included a $50,000 fine and up to six months in prison. (AP)

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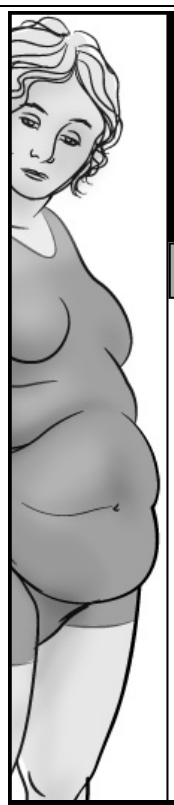

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World

In Brief

PARIS

Ahmadinejad Promises New Proposals on Nuke Dispute

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad promised Thursday to make new proposals for resolving the dispute over his country's nuclear program when he appears at the United Nations, but again rejected international demands to suspend uranium enrichment. Speaking in a French TV interview, the Iranian leader said the demanded freeze on enrichment was illegal. (AP)

KINSHASA, CONGO

Fighting Erupts Near Home Of Ex-Presidential Hopeful

Heavy gunfire broke out in Congo's capital Thursday near the home of former warlord Jean-Pierre Bemba, who was second in last year's presidential vote, U.N. officials and witnesses said. It was the first fighting in the capital since Congo installed Joseph Kabila as president on Dec. 6, making him the nation's first freely elected president since 1960. (AP)

BERLIN

Judge Draws Backlash After Citing Koran in Divorce Case

A German judge cited the Koran in arguing that a Muslim woman seeking a divorce came from a cultural background in which men may use corporal punishment against their wives, drawing condemnation Thursday from political and Muslim leaders. The judge was removed from the divorce proceedings of the woman — a German of Moroccan descent, married to a Moroccan citizen, who said she had been mistreated and threatened by her husband. (AP)

"This field is one often overlooked by scientists because of the lack of tangible data on the subject and the sometimes goofy testimonies."

Pierre Trefouret, spokesman for France's National Center for Space Studies, on the agency's unusual decision to release more than 100,000 pages of witness testimony, photos and more from its secret UFO archives. | **Today, A Section**

IN The Washington Post

U.N. Chief Shaken by Blast in Iraq

Rocket explodes near site of news conference in capital's Green Zone

BAGHDAD | A rocket exploded 50 yards from the U.N. secretary-general during a news conference Thursday in Baghdad's Green Zone, causing him to cringe and duck just minutes after Iraq's prime minister said the visit showed the city was "on the road to stability."

The U.S. military, meanwhile, reported a major breakthrough in the campaign against rogue Shiite militants, saying it captured two brothers responsible for a sophisticated sneak attack that killed five American soldiers in January.

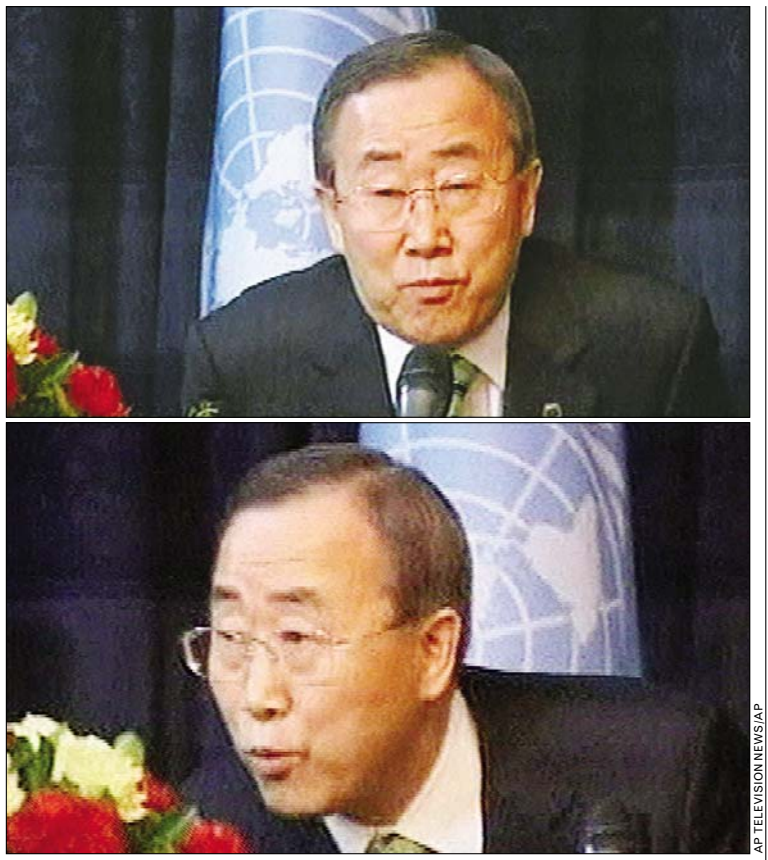
The Katyusha rocket that hit near Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon was fired from a mainly Shiite area on the east bank of the Tigris River. The heavily guarded Green Zone on the opposite bank is home to the U.S. Embassy, Iraq's government and the parliament.

Ban's unannounced stop in the Iraqi capital was the first visit by a U.N. secretary-general since Kofi Annan, his predecessor, came to Baghdad in November 2005. The U.N. Security Council issued a statement strongly condemning the rocket firing as an "abhorrent terrorist attack."

The U.N. presence in Iraq has been much smaller than planned since militants bombed the organization's Baghdad headquarters on Aug. 19, 2003, and killed 22 people, including the top U.N. envoy, Sergio Vieira de Mello.

Iraq's Shiite-dominated government has been quietly pushing for a greater U.N. role and was banking on decreased violence in the capital to show that it was returning to normal six weeks into a joint security crackdown with American forces.

In the campaign against Shiite extremists, the U.S. military said it captured two brothers who were "directly connected" to the Jan. 20 sneak attack that killed five U.S. soldiers guarding a provincial office in Karbala, a city 50 miles south of Baghdad. STEVEN R. HURST (AP)



AP TELEVISION NEWS/AP

A set of images show United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon reacting to the sound of a rocket attack amid a press conference in Baghdad's Green Zone.

3 Arrested in Probe Of '05 London Attacks

LONDON | Counterterrorist police arrested three men Thursday in the 2005 suicide attacks on the London transit system, the first major development in the investigation in months. Two of the suspects were detained as they prepared to board a flight to Pakistan.

The third man was arrested in Leeds — the northern city that was home to three of the four bombers. Police also raided five properties in the city — at least one on the same street where one of the bombers lived.

"Anybody who imagined that this had simply been treated as four lone wolves or a lone pack of wolves on July 7, 2005, is very wrong," Lord Carlile, the government's independent reviewer of terror laws, told the BBC. "There is a lot of work going on."

No one has ever been charged in connection with the bombings, which were the deadliest attack on London since World War II. The four bombers and 52 commuters died in blasts on three subway trains and a double-decker bus.

Thursday's arrests came after criticism of the Metropolitan Police, whose investigation had consumed enormous resources and spanned the globe with little outward sign of progress.

All three men were arrested on suspicion of committing, preparing or instigating acts of terrorism.

None of the men was identified. The two arrested at Manchester Airport were ages 23 and 30 and the third was 26. Under British law, police will have 28 days to question them before they must be charged or released. THOMAS WAGNER (AP)

Italy's Swap for Hostage Draws Ire

ROME | Italy's negotiation for the release of Taliban militants in exchange for the freedom of an Italian hostage in Afghanistan has placed Premier Romano Prodi in the firing line days before a crucial parliamentary vote on keeping the country's troops in Afghanistan.

The move has drawn the ire of the conservative opposition and the criticism of allies in the U.S. and Europe. It also rekindled long-standing questions over Rome's handling of hostage situations.

Government officials said the Afghan government freed five Taliban prisoners to win the release of La Repubblica reporter Daniele Mastrogiacomo, who had been captured two weeks earlier.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said the U.S. did not approve of the deal, which could have unintended consequences. "Our views are ... very clear: We don't negotiate with terrorists; we don't advise others to do so as well," he said. (AP)

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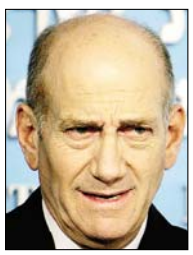

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World

LIGHTS OUT: German officials on Thursday called for a partial smoking ban in bars and restaurants, saying customers would be able to smoke in special rooms, and some establishments may be exempted altogether. Germany has traditionally been one of Europe's most nicotine-friendly countries.

Somali Fighting Leads Many to Flee

Continued clashes between insurgents, troops rock Mogadishu

MOGADISHU, SOMALIA | Scores of residents fled their homes Thursday during a second day of fighting between Islamic insurgents and Somali and Ethiopian troops that killed four people and wounded six.

Deputy Defense Minister Salad Ali Jelle said the Somali government had gathered intelligence showing that a top leader of the ousted insurgents, Aden Hashi Ayro, was recently named the head of the al-Qaeda cell in Somalia, and has been directing the fighting. Jelle said the government had reports that Ayro was in Mogadishu.

Counterterrorism experts believe Ayro, who is in his mid-30s, received al-Qaeda training in Afghanistan. He has been linked by U.N. officials to the murders of 16 people, including BBC journalist Kate Peyton. Counterterrorism officials also believe he was involved in a plot — never carried out — to bring down an Ethiopian airliner.

Residents boarded minivans or taxis to move to safer parts of the capital, or leave it altogether. Poorer ones carried belongings on their heads and in plastic bags.

MOHAMED MOKHTAR/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

MOVING OUT: A Somali man and his son flee an area of heavy fighting between troops and insurgents Thursday in Mogadishu.

Unidentified gunmen threw a bomb at the main police station in the southern port town of Kismayo but missed, hitting a wall separating the station from a private home, said Mayor Ibrahim Mohamed Yusuf. The blast killed one woman and wounded another woman and her two children, Yusuf said.

In Mogadishu, insurgents fired rocket-propelled grenades, mortars and heavy machine guns and government troops responded with artillery and machine gun fire, witnesses said.

Witnesses counted four bodies in different parts of the city and Dr. Ali Bile of Keysaney Hospital said his institution received six wounded.

Gunfire could be heard intermittently Thursday evening, but the fighting in northern and southern parts of the city seemed to be less fierce than battles a day earlier that killed at least 21 people and wounded more than 120.

MOHAMED OLAD HASSAN (AP)

N. Korea Nuclear Talks Stall

BEIJING | Negotiations on halting North Korea's nuclear program broke down abruptly Thursday, with the country's chief envoy to the talks flying home after a dispute over money frozen in a Macau bank could not be resolved.

Kim Kye Gwan left Beijing after refusing to take part in six-party talks to push forward a February agreement calling for North Korea to begin winding down its nuclear programs in return for energy aid and political considerations.

China issued a statement saying the talks would take a recess but did not give a restart date.

The breakdown raises doubts about meeting a deadline in the Feb. 13 denuclearization agreement that calls for U.N. inspectors to verify the closure of North Korea's main nuclear reactor at Yongbyon by April 14.

But the top U.S. nuclear envoy said he was still optimistic that disarmament deadlines can be met despite the breakdown.

"It is our strong view that we are still on schedule," Assistant Secretary of State Christopher Hill said.

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Local

The Lotteries

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Mid-day DC 4	5-9-5-6
Evening DC 4 (Wed.)	9-7-3-0
Rolling Cash Five (Wed.)	8-11-17-20-33
Daily 6 (Wed.)	9-13-15-17-20-35 Bonus: 1
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	X-X-X-X (X)

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Mid-day Pick 3	6-5-7
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	1-8-4
Mid-day Pick 4	9-0-0-5
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	1-5-8-8
Match 5 (Wed.)	2-23-28-35-39 Bonus: 17
Multi-Match(Wed.)	9-15-35-38-41-42

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3 (Thurs.)	1-3-2
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	2-7-9
Mid-day Pick 4 (Thurs.)	3-8-5-4
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	0-1-1-8
Mid-day Cash 5 (Thurs.)	2-3-10-14-29
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	8-15-18-25-34
Win for Life(Wed.)	6-15-18-19-20-33 (14)

MULTI-STATE GAMES

Powerball (Wed.)	16-24-38-53-54 (5)
Power Play	5

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HEARSAY | POLITICS

"I am trying to make something happen. I will sign a great bill. I will not sign a bill that makes the situation worse."

—VA. GOVERNOR TIM KAINE, A DEMOCRAT, WHO TOLD LEADERS AT THE DULLES REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE THAT HE IS WORKING TO SAVE HIS TRANSPORTATION BILL.

D.C. Voting Rights Put Back on Hold

House postpones vote after GOP moves to repeal handgun ban

WASHINGTON | Legislation to give the District of Columbia a full vote in the U.S. House stalled Thursday when Republicans unexpectedly injected the volatile issue of gun control.

Apparently fearful they might lose control of the proceedings, Democrats decided to put off action indefinitely on the voting rights measure, which had appeared to be moving toward passage.

Republicans protested the delay and sought a quick vote on their attempt to repeal the capital city's ban on handguns. Democratic leaders "shamefully exploited a rule to kill debate and postpone the vote indefinitely," said Republican leader John Boehner of Ohio.

But the city's mayor said there was no support in the District to repeal its tough gun control laws. Mayor Adrian M. Fenty said when people learn that D.C. residents again have been denied voting rights, "I think it is going to backfire on those who have done this procedural maneuver."

The developments marked an abrupt turn on legislation that would give District residents voting rights in the House for the first time in more than two centuries. President Bush has threatened to veto the bill, saying the Constitution allows congressional voting representation only for states.

Democrats, backed by civil rights groups, viewed the issue differently.

"It is an historic day, it is a day when the people of the District of Columbia will finally have their voices heard," House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said moments before the postponement.

But Rep. Lamar Smith, R-Texas, said that since the city "is not a state, it cannot have a voting member in the House." JIM ABRAMS (AP)

WASHINGTON | SPRING IS IN THE AIR

NIKKI KAHN/TWP

SUN SEEKER: Heather Beegle soaks up some sun while catching up on her reading in Northwest D.C. on Thursday. "I think spring is finally here," she said. The nice weather isn't expected to last. Rain is predicted for the weekend.

Senate Votes to Freeze Smithsonian Funds

Nonbinding measure sends message against 'champagne lifestyle'

WASHINGTON | The Senate on Thursday approved freezing a proposed $17 million increase in funding for the Smithsonian Institution, citing excessive compensation and spending by its top official.

The budgetary amendment from Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, was unanimously approved.

The measure is not binding and still must be approved during the House-Senate budget process. But Grassley said it sends a message to Smithsonian Secretary Lawrence M. Small, who will earn $915,698 this year in total compensation. "It signals to the Smithsonian that a champagne lifestyle at taxpayer expense is unacceptable," Grassley said.

An internal audit found that Small had made $90,000 of unauthorized purchases, including private jet travel and expensive gifts. (AP)

Metro Names First Inspector General

WASHINGTON | Metro has named an auditor in the U.S. Education Department as the transit agency's first inspector general.

Helen Lew was sworn in Thursday and will start work April 30.

Lew is currently assistant inspector general for audit at the Education Department.

Metro's board of directors decided to establish the position nearly a year ago, but the search had to be shelved while the board was looking for a new general manager, Metro spokeswoman Cathy Asato said.

The job is similar to oversight positions in federal and state governments. Lew will report directly to the Metro board and will investigate contracts and complaints of fraud, waste and abuse and will review policies.

Metro previously had an auditor general, but that person reported to the general manager. (AP)

Charged: Six Metro parking lots will begin accepting credit cards in April on a trial basis. | **Today's Post, Metro**

Money

80 | **The approximate percentage of Wal-Mart** hourly employees who will split more than a half-billion dollars in bonus money, the company said publicly for the first time this year. The average payment calculates to $651, but Wal-Mart said individual amounts varied.

EU Opts to Shed Air Route Limits

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM | The European Union approved an aviation deal with the U.S. on Thursday that opens up restricted trans-Atlantic routes to new rivals, but bowed to British concerns in delaying when the agreement takes effect.

The "Open Skies" deal will allow airlines to fly from anywhere in the EU to any point in the U.S., shedding limitations that also discourage them from charging what they like or combining with other carriers.

The EU said its 27 nations had unanimously voted for the deal, which will take effect at the end of March 2008. European negotiators will now have to secure U.S. agreement to delay the pact, originally scheduled to begin Oct. 28.

Britain won its demand for extra time before opening up London Heathrow, the EU's busiest airport, to more carriers.

Only four airlines — British Airways PLC, Virgin Atlantic Airways Ltd., AMR Corp.'s American Airlines and UAL Corp.'s United Airlines — currently have the right to fly from Heathrow to the U.S., a lucrative route that represents around a third of all EU flights to the U.S.

EU governments also stipulated they could suspend parts of the deal — curtailing U.S. airlines' new rights in Europe — if further talks don't lead to more concessions, such as opening more U.S. routes to EU airlines, from the U.S. within three years. AOIFE WHITE (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Theragen	5.49	+.71	+14.9
Wellmn	3.65	+.41	+12.7
IHS Inc	43.86	+3.90	+9.8
MaterialSci	10.54	+.66	+6.7
MedStaff	6.27	+.39	+6.6

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
TechOlyUS	5.09	-.62	-10.9
Modine	23.96	-2.46	-9.3
Clarcor	30.63	-2.87	-8.6
Fremont	9.36	-.83	-8.1
Motorola	17.50	-1.24	-6.6

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
VyyoInc	8.12	+1.81	+28.7
Misonix	6.28	+1.07	+20.5
MergeTech	4.85	+.79	+19.5
USA Tech n	8.35	+1.25	+17.6
Iomai	4.95	+.05	+1.0

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Ampex	17.94	-2.86	-13.8
Scholastc	31.08	-4.48	-12.6
MillerHer	33.43	-4.41	-11.7
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DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
+13.62	-4.18	-0.50
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Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	8.25	8.25
Fed Funds close	5.25	5.25
3-month disc	4.92	4.90
2-year	4.57	4.56
10-year	4.58	4.53
30-year	4.78	4.69

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5089	.5079	.5725
Canadian Dollar	1.1575	1.1541	1.1657
European Euro	.7500	.7474	.8279
Japanese Yen	118.15	117.47	116.85
Mexican Peso	11.0122	11.0278	10.8593
Taiwanese Dollar	32.99	33.14	32.51

Pharmacy Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
AbtLab	54.50	-.18	+11.9
Allergan	113.05	+.35	-5.6
AstraZen	55.45	-1.24	+3.5
BarrPhm	48.84	+.45	-2.6
BrMySq	27.79	+.08	+6.7
ForestLab	51.96	-.42	+2.7
Hospira	39.70	-.36	+18.2
JohnJn	60.86	-.36	-7.8
KingPhrm	19.36	+.07	+21.6
LillyEli	54.17	+.35	+4.0
Merck	44.17	-.08	+1.3
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ALOHA: Hawaii State Society president Carol Takafuji, left, and Honolulu native Norene Gerstner play ukuleles at a meeting welcome to all Hawaiians in the D.C. area.

Comforts of Home

Transplants find they aren't alone at local state society chapters

Fifty-six years ago, the Wheel of Fortune stopped at "Wyoming."

And there she was: Maldi Tarris, chosen Cherry Blossom Queen 1951 by fate, her smile a veritable picket fence of pride. For a time in April, she and her fellow princesses were the public faces of their state societies — social clubs for transplanted Wyomingites, Dakotans, Carolinians and the like.

The tradition continues today. The wheel will spin again at the Grand Ball on April 13, the climax of the National Cherry Blossom Festival, but the activities of the District's state societies happen year-round.

Are you from the state of Washington? Prepare for Potlatch in May. Mississippi? Eat catfish on the Mall in June. Georgia? Pop in on the Pig Jig in October.

Four thousand eight hundred and twenty-six miles separate Honolulu and Falls Church. But in that Virginia 'burb this month, 20 people and their ukuleles conjured a serious slice of the Aloha State. So much so that you could swear Lake Barcroft — twinkling in the moonlight outside of Tom and Trippi Penland's waterfront home — was Hanauma Bay off Oahu.

Every Wednesday, the Hawaii State Society's ukulele club strums, potlucks and dances hula together. With rocking bodies robed in aloha shirts, right hands strumming gently, hips circling in imagined sunshine — the ground, the air and the vibe all feel Hawaiian. That's the point of any successful state society event.

"There's a lot of history with state societies, and I put a lot of faith in history," says Ohio State Society President David All, 27, who recently launched a Web consulting firm and is revving up a membership drive for the society. "I'll likely stick around Washington forever, so it'll always be good to know there's a place to find fellowship with other Ohioans."

Most societies not only are fulfilling the time-honored tradition of sponsoring a Cherry Blossom Princess, but also are scheduling year-round events for compatriots to unite under the banner of shared roots.

Here's a closer look at a couple of the most dedicated societies:

California

WHO THEY ARE: With 600 dues-paying members in the area, the society draws a wide range of the state's expatriates, including Hill staffers current and past, plus students and lawyers and members of the military.

HOW TO PICK OUT A CALIFORNIAN ON D.C. STREETS: "The flip-flops," jokes Paul Sweet, 59, a society board member.

WHAT THEY DO: Hockey nights when the San Jose Sharks are in town, Golden State Roundtable luncheons with California leaders, a pre-Oscar party (with red carpet and fake paparazzi). Upcoming big events include a reception for Nicole Johnson, the California Cherry Blossom Princess, in the Rayburn Foyer on Thursday and an annual picnic June 16.

POINT OF CONTACT: 202-543-9559.

MEMBERSHIP: $20 per year for individuals, $35 for families.

Louisiana

WHO THEY ARE: With 100 dues-paying members and a mailing list of 300, the society is trying to draw people from outside the legislative branch. "If you're not actively working on the Hill, some people are hesitant," says Henry Abbott, 26, the society's president.

WHAT DEFINES A TRANSPLANTED LOUISIANAN? "Before Hurricane Katrina, you'd be from New Orleans or you'd be from Baton Rouge or Shreveport, but now everyone's just from Louisiana. You got a lot more feeling of community as a group," Abbott says.

WHAT THEY DO: Viewing parties for New Orleans Saints games, a king cake party in February and charity events that have raised more than $300,000 for hurricane relief. The big event is the annual crawfish boil: On May 13, a few thousand pounds of crawfish will be driven up from Louisiana for the all-day event.

WHERE'S THE BEST PLACE IN TOWN TO CAPTURE SOME OF LOUISIANA? "Heading over to the Smithsonian, where there's open area in front of everything," says Louisiana's Cherry Blossom Princess, Aspen Steib, 23, and a 2005 Howard University graduate who works in the newsroom of CNN's Washington bureau.

POINT OF CONTACT: www.louisianastatesociety.org.

MEMBERSHIP: $21 per year for individuals, $31 for families.

DAN ZAK (THE WASHINGTON POST)

No Place Like Home

→ Feeling a bit homesick? Check up on what your state chapter has planned in the coming weeks and months with a comprehensive list in this Sunday's Washington Post. | **SUNDAY SOURCE**

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Sponsored Celebration

Corporate branding has changed the face of the most time-honored of traditions: spring break. | **Sunday Style**

Wing and a Prayer

She likes to plan out every detail of a vacation down to the last minute. He likes to wing it. It is vacation, after all. Will this pair survive on their trip? | **Sunday Travel**

Entertainment Weekend

NIGHTLIFE AGENDA

Saddle Up: The Ponys gallop into the Black Cat on Saturday night for a night of raucous rock. Plus, its Bhangra Blowout weekend. | 14

PARAMOUNT PICTURES

HIT ME WITH YOUR BEST SHOT: A buff Mark Wahlberg aims to play a Rambo-like character in the explosive movie "Shooter."

Shooting Blanks

Even Mark Wahlberg can't keep 'Shooter' from blowing itself up

FILM | The name of the movie is "Shooter," and for a while director Antoine Fuqua is right on target with this claustrophobic tale of conspiracies, lies and double-crosses.

Ultimately, though, it collapses — as so many action films of lesser intelligence do — into a seemingly eternal series of explosions and false endings.

Mark Wahlberg stars as Bob Lee Swagger (seriously, that's his name), the hero of Washington Post film critic Stephen Hunter's novel "Point of Impact," which provides the inspiration here.

Swagger is a reclusive former Marine sniper who's been hiding in the Wyoming mountains ever since a botched mission in Ethiopia that left his partner shot to death. Wearing a trucker hat and facial scruff that would have made him look just as much at home among Brooklyn hipsters, Swagger enjoys a quiet life with his loyal, beer-fetching dog.

One day, government honchos pull up to the cabin and ask him to take part in that tried-and-true one last job. The government has learned of a planned assassination attempt on the president, retired Col. Isaac Johnson (Danny Glover) tells him, and Swagger must figure out how the shooter would do it in order to prevent it.

But when the shooting happens anyway in Philadelphia, Swagger is framed for it and goes on the run. With the help of inexperienced FBI agent Nick Memphis (Michael Pena) and his partner's widow, Sara (Kate Mara), Swagger outwits, outplays and outlasts dozens of heavily armed adversaries from a variety of agencies, both official and unofficial.

Yes, he's a highly trained military stud in the classic cinematic tradition of Rambo, but eventually his ability to survive grows ridiculous. Fuqua ("Training Day") stages a car chase through the streets of Philly that can be thrilling, and for a while you feel like you're right there alongside Swagger as he figures out one move after the next.

Then come the plot holes, the cartoonish performances and — oh, yes — the stuff that gets blowed up real good, including a sport utility vehicle, several helicopters and an entire log cabin. Each blast feels more gratuitous than the last, as does the needless abuse of Sara in a particularly unseemly blend of sex and violence.

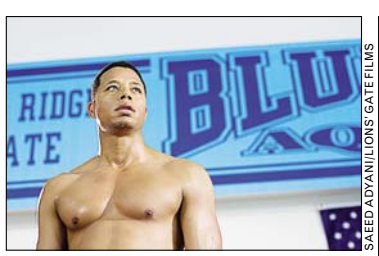
Fuqua's film is far more powerful in its small, quiet moments — and indeed there are some. Mara can be subtle and lovely as the lonely, young woman who's startled by Swagger but also strangely drawn to him. The tight, visceral cinematography from Peter Menzies Jr. adds to the tension. And Wahlberg, all buffed and stoic, continues to solidify his screen presence as a believable action hero — a working-class guy who believes in honor and loyalty, just like you and me, only with bigger biceps.

Unfortunately, no amount of physical strength could keep this movie from spinning out of control. CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

In the Name of Love & Water

'Pride' drowns in sports clichés but is rescued by its actors

FILM | "Pride" is a swimming drama that has enough buoyancy to remain afloat, though without the vigor of Terrence Howard and the charm of Bernie Mac, it likely would sink in its own sea of sports clichés. It's an underdog story we keep seeing over and over again, this time about a group of inner-city black teens in the 1970s who are molded by a selfless mentor into a winning swim team that strikes a blow for race relations and equal opportunity. Howard plays the coach and mentor who founded the swim team, with Mac as a rec center janitor who joins the effort and Kimberly Elise as a city councilwoman who goes from skeptic to believer. Tom Arnold co-stars as coach of an upscale white team that becomes the black kids' archrival. DAVID GERMAIN (AP)



SAEED ADYANI/LIONS' GATE FILMS

Howard saves "Pride" from being all wet.

Got Plans?

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Where can my boyfriend and I bring some nonadventurous (meaning no sushi, Indian food, etc.) diners to eat that is fun and inexpensive?

Pizzeria Paradiso, with locations in Dupont Circle and Georgetown, is great for the nonadventurous. If you're willing to go a bit of a distance, Brightwood's Colorado Kitchen does fabulous takes on American food (fried chicken and the like).

→ *Pizzeria Paradiso, 3282 M St. NW, 202-337-1245; 2029 P St. NW; 202-223-1245 (Dupont Circle)*

→ *Colorado Kitchen, 5515 Colorado Ave. NW; 202-545-8280.*

KATHERINE FREY/FTWP

Colorado Kitchen's Lilliputian chicken is actually half a Cornish game hen.

I'm hosting a bachelorette party overnight in Georgetown and the bride wants to go to a fashionable place where she can dance. A place with some atmosphere (e.g., not college kegger mentality or looks) would be nice.

I think Blue Gin or Modern are probably your safest bets. Neither are on the waterfront, but I don't feel like the waterfront bars — Sequoia, Riverside Grille, etc. — really fit your "fashionable place where she can dance" description.

→ *Blue Gin, 1206 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-965-4005.*

The Going Out Gurus think you should get out more. Join the discussion Thursdays at 1 p.m. | **washingtonpost.com/liveonline**

TRACY BENNETT/COLUMBIA PICTURES

NEW YORK CITY BLUES: "Reign Over Me" lets Don Cheadle and Adam Sandler stretch their dramatic chops about post-Sept. 11 traumatic stress, but to mixed effect.

He's So Sad About Us

In 'Reign Over Me,' Adam Sandler gives in to too much drama

FILM | Even though he's in his early 40s now, Adam Sandler easily could have continued playing Happy Gilmore or Little Nicky or any of the other characters in his arsenal of arrested development. That's what made him famous — that's what made him popular.

But he's shown a surprising amount of wisdom in deciding to grow up on screen as well as off of it. "Reign Over Me" represents his meatiest role yet. It's also his most maudlin.

Sandler stars as Charlie Fineman, a troubled former dentist who has suppressed the memory of his wife and three daughters, who died on Sept. 11, 2001. Charlie spends his days and nights trolling the streets of Manhattan on his motor scooter, headphones perpetually clamped around his ears to prevent the outside world from shattering his self-imposed solitude.

He runs into his roommate from dental school, Alan Johnson (Don Cheadle), and rejuvenates an old friendship that both men need. The two start spending a ton of time together, to the great annoyance of Alan's wife (Jada Pinkett Smith), with whom he has two daughters. They play video games, watch Mel Brooks movies and generally act like college kids again.

Through their eyes, writer-director Mike Binder reveals a more accurately neighborhoody view of New York than we ordinarily see in films. He also refrains from politicizing or banging us over the head with the significance of Sept. 11 on a citywide or nationwide scale; it's implicit. By focusing on one man's loss, "Reign Over Me" feels more powerfully personal.

As Charlie's only friend, Cheadle brings his typical intelligence and nuance to what might have been a dry, straight-man role. He can elevate anyone's game, and here, he and Sandler share a buoyant chemistry.

But the film from Binder, who previously tapped into raw emotions with his piercing 2005 drama "The Upside of Anger," also requires Alan to draw Charlie out of his deep denial, which grows increasingly melodramatic and culminates with a bombastic climax. It's almost as if he called the movie "Reign Over Me" simply to have Charlie sing the similarly titled song by the Who during a crucial courtroom scene.

Charlie doesn't want to see a therapist and he doesn't want to share in the effusive grief his former in-laws expect of him. His frequent, violent outbursts indicate that he needs to be institutionalized, and whether that's appropriate becomes the movie's eventual, tedious source of conflict.

You certainly have to appreciate that Sandler wants to stretch, but you also want material that allows him to do so more convincingly. CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

FILM | KUNG-FU TESTUDINES

WARNER BROS.

TWO-TOED TURTLE POWER: After an absence from the big screen for nearly 14 years, the pizza-loving Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles return in "TMNT" — but not to live action. This computer-animated flick features the band of shelled bros once again fighting their archrival, the Shredder.

Don't Believe the Hype

The Black Lips don't live up to their press clippings with new CD

MUSIC | The Black Lips are said to be one of the best live bands going today, but it's unclear from their new CD, "Los Valientes del Mundo Nuevo," what all the fuss is about.

Recorded in some dive in Tijuana, it's not a bad album. But get past the hype and it's hard to see how the Black Lips are better than some of the other bands making skuzzy garage rock.

In the Lips' favor, they have a great, dirty sound that pays homage to past heroes, but they don't bring much more to it. The songs don't explode in a mess of nervous energy like some of the better garage acts around.

"Stranger" and "Fairy Stories" pack a bit of a punk bite, but for the most part the songs just skitter along on laid-back Bo Diddley beats.

This lackadaisical, gritty charm might be a major selling point for some hipsters, but the rest of us are bound to wonder what all the accolades are for. THOMAS PIZZOLA (THE HARTFORD COURANT)

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WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO TONIGHT? BY FRITZ HAHN, RHOME ANDERSON AND DAVID MALITZ

FRIDAY

HOLLY GOLIGHTLY mines the past better than just about any other musician out there. She'd be garage rock royalty solely for her work in the '90s with the all-girl group the Headcoatees, but thanks to an amazingly consistent string of solo albums over the past decade, those records are just a footnote in her career. Her solo work looks beyond simple three-chord thrashers, bringing old-time blues and country influences into the mix, along with her constant snarl of a voice. She has some influential fans — she sang on the White Stripes' "Elephant" a few years back and she was heavily featured on the soundtrack to Jim Jarmusch's "Broken Flowers" — but she seems destined to remain a cult favorite, which is just fine if it keeps her performing in cozy venues like **IOTA**.

Saturday night is George Washington University's annual **BHANGRA BLOWOUT**, the South Asian dance competition that draws teams from colleges and universities across the country. The main event is awe-inspiring for fans of Punjabi music, and we're even more excited about all the concerts and after-parties that spring up around the Blowout, much like Howard University's homecoming. Tonight at **ULTRABAR**, for example, the **BHANGRA BLAST** features a live performance by Bikram Singh, a Punjab-born, New York-based singer who toured with Punjabi MC before releasing last year's urban-influenced "American Jugni" album. A pass from BB14DC.com allows free admission for women all night long. (Guys have to get there before midnight to get in for free.)

SATURDAY

After a pair of excellent albums on venerable garage rock label In the Red, **THE PONYS** made the jump to the semi-big time of Matador Records and the result is "Turn the Lights Out," the band's most polished album to date. There's nothing that quite matches the loose exuberance of "Let's Kill Ourselves" from the band's debut, but this is indie rock that actually rocks: big riffs, pounding drums, a generous use of the two most important effects pedals (overdrive and wah, of course) and songwriting that matches the intensity of the music. It would be very foolish to miss out on openers **BLACK LIPS**, whose presence on the bill makes this show one of the best of the year so far. Just remember to get there a bit earlier than you actually plan on getting inside; you know how that line can get outside the **BLACK CAT** on the night of a crowded show.

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300 (R, 105 minutes) This cartoonified version of a hard day's work on the coast of Greece, where 300 Spartans stood against a much larger horde of Persians, fails to offer any theories of Spartan greatness. The movie makes no arguments at all; it's entirely an overblown visual document with an IQ in the lower 20s. The action is all showy and stylized, never quite realistic. Director Zack Snyder overdoes the slow motion until it becomes comic, and the whole package aestheticizes violence, leaching its meaning, distancing us. (SH)

AMAZING GRACE (PG, 117 minutes) This film follows the resolute efforts of 18th-century British politician William Wilberforce (Ioan Gruffudd) to persuade Parliament to pass a bill renouncing slavery. Unfortunately, this movie is about as bloodless and matter-of-fact as the above description. (DT)

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HE'S SMILING TO HIDE THE TEARS: Funnyman Chris Rock has another Hollywood bomb with "I Think I Love My Wife."

THE ASTRONAUT FARMER (PG, 105 minutes) Billy Bob Thornton plays Charles Farmer, an aspiring astronaut who had to jettison his career because of a family crisis. But in the years since, he has been running a farm, rather ineptly, in Texas and dreaming of making it into space. As for the rocket, well, who needs Houston? He has been building one in the barn. Sure, it's the corniest of conceits, but "Astronaut" taps delightfully into one of our deepest cultural values: the one about the pursuit of happiness. (DT)

AVENUE MONTAIGNE (R, 100 minutes) This delicately charming fable set in Paris offers the kind of experience we secretly crave when we visit any great city: meaningful encounters with its people. At the center is Jessica (an impishly radiant Cécile De France), a sweethearted gamin from the provinces who has just arrived in the capital. To this country girl, Paris is the city of luxury, a picture-postcard world of hotels, expensive restaurants and fine living. This vicarious sojourn in Paris leaves us with souvenirs that few real trips could ever produce. (DT)

BLACK SNAKE MOAN (R, 116 minutes) Director Craig Brewer ("Hustle & Flow") takes viewers on yet another journey through Southern music and vernacular, with Samuel L. Jackson playing an aging blues guitarist who seeks to cure a sexually compulsive girl (Christina Ricci) of her neuroses by chaining her to a radiator. That outrageous premise, combined with an often lurid visual style, makes the profane "Hustle & Flow" look like an Andy Hardy movie. But there's no denying he knows how to spin a yarn and create vivid, indelible images. (AH)

BREACH (PG-13, 110 minutes) This film examines in microscopic detail the endgame of the manhunt for FBI mole Robert Hanssen, who pleaded guilty in 2001 to spying for Russia. The acting is superb, particularly from the three principals: Ryan Phillippe as O'Neill, Chris Cooper

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as Hanssen and the great Laura Linney as Kate Burroughs, O'Neill's supervisor in the secret operation. (SH)

BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG, 96 minutes) This beloved children's book has not just survived but thrived in its adaptation to the screen, its delicate combination of coming-of-age angst, tragedy and fantasy handled with assurance and taste by first-time live-action director Gabor Csupo. Audiences should be prepared for a major tragedy that strikes in the third act; the film winds up being a lesson, not just in love but in loss. But mostly the former, as Jess experiences for the first time that true love means building a world together. (AH)

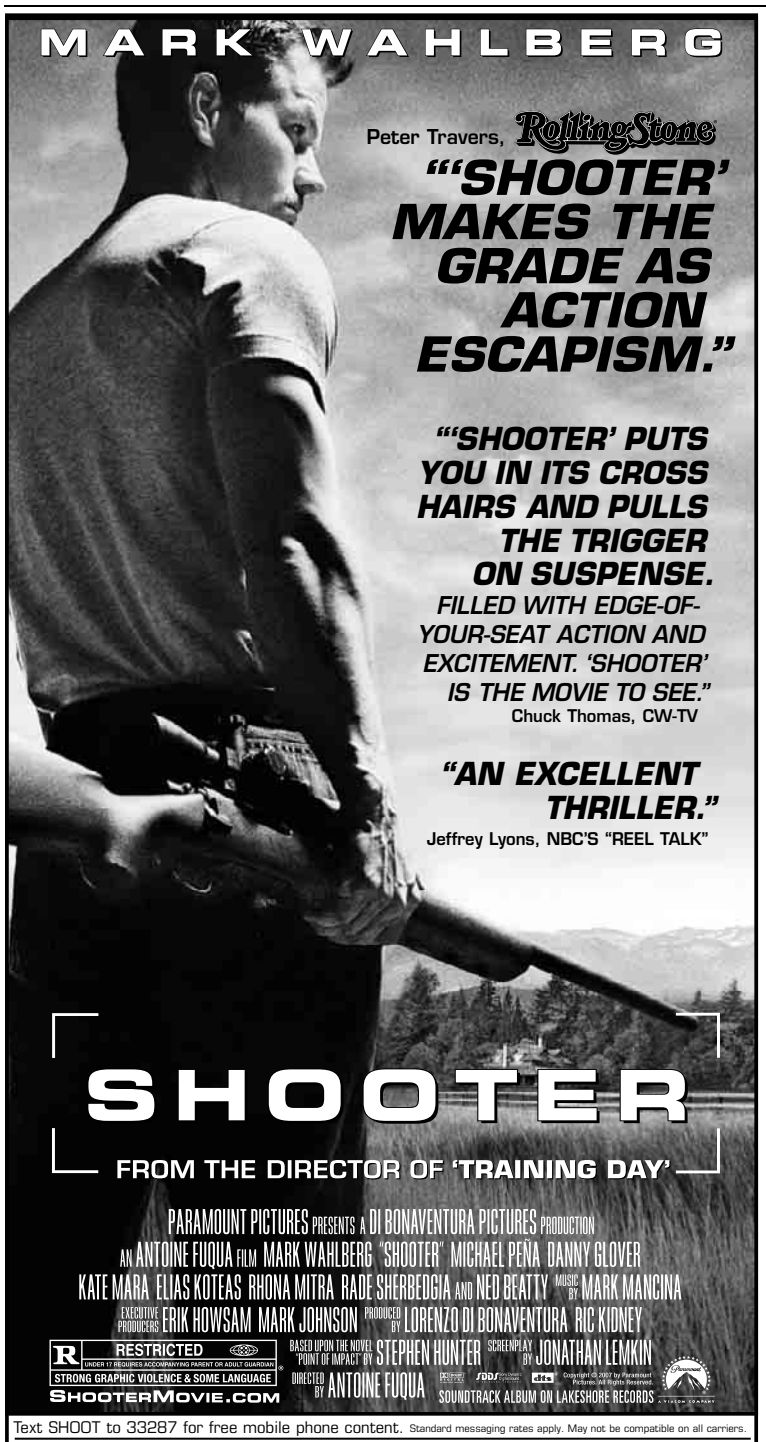
DEAD SILENCE (R, 90 minutes) The creators of "Saw" turn their attention to a ghost story about a man who must uncover the truth behind a curse on his hometown that killed his wife and threatens his own life. (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

DREAMGIRLS (PG-13, 131 minutes) "Dreamgirls" arrives with more than its share of baggage; the hit Broadway musical, which opened in 1981, is such a cherished icon that it's taken 25 years for it to be made into a movie. But even with Jennifer Hudson's triumphant arrival and an overall fizzy mood of singing, dancing, pop nostalgia and camp, "Dreamgirls" is an uneven crowd pleaser. (AH)

GHOST RIDER (PG-13, 105 minutes) Nicolas Cage plays Johnny Blaze, a motorcyle stunt jock. He's a second-generationer, having learned the flying trade from his dad, who one day tried to fly too far and was brought low for it. But that was after Johnny inked a contract with Old Scratch, in order to save his dad from cancer. It was the devil's trick to get Johnny to sign, then take the old man via different means! In any event, years later, the devil (Peter Fonda) wants the due Johnny cheated him out of in the first place; though a fraud, the contract is still binding. What follows are a lot of loud, chaotic action sequences for an audience acculturated more to NASCAR, tractor pulls and demo derbies. (SH)

THE HOST (Unrated, 119 minutes) This Korean film has such a wide range of attributes — it's a comedy, it's a vivid evocation of a dysfunctional family that comes together in crisis, it's a wondrous homage to the courage of children, it's a biting critique of the government — that it's hard to recall that it's first and foremost a monster movie — an old-fashioned monster movie with a heart. (SH)

THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND (R, 121 minutes) This film concerns the flam-



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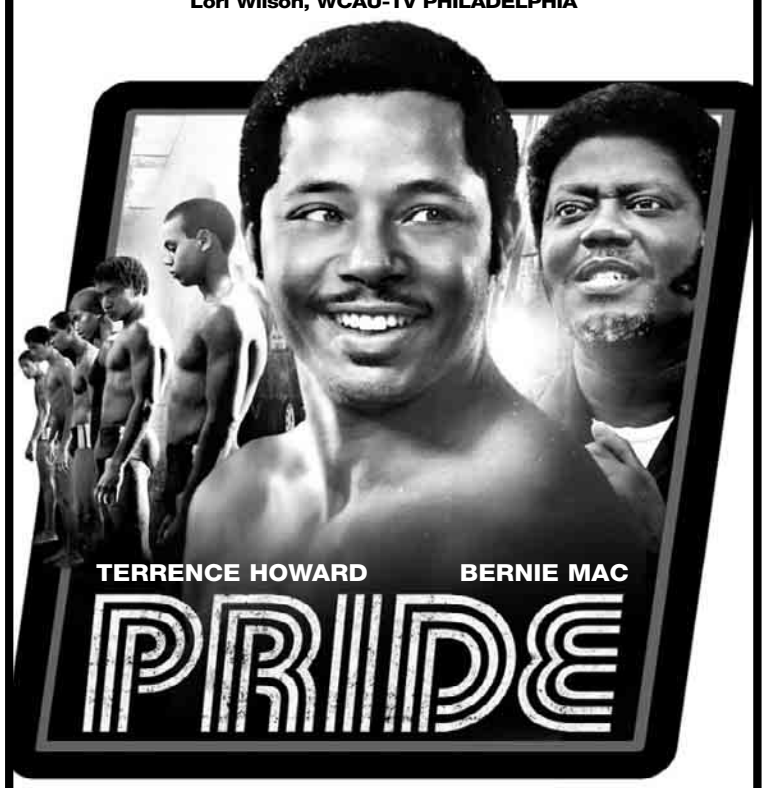

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boyant African despot Idi Amin, said to have been responsible for the murder of 300,000 of his fellow Ugandans during the '70s. The movie uses a fictional device to get up close and personal, but Amin, representing a human extreme, is so much more interesting than his witness, a young Scottish doctor. (SH)

THE LIVES OF OTHERS (R, 137 minutes) This German movie begins in 1984, when the secret police, or Stasi, routinely bugged, tailed and intimidated its citizens. Plotted as tautly as a cop procedural but playing more like a modern allegory, this film personalizes its Orwellian world through the eyes of Gerd Wiesler (Ulrich Muehe), a frosty Stasi officer. To watch this film is not just to enjoy a fabulously constructed timepiece; it's to appreciate a deft cautionary tale. (DT)

MAFIOSO (Unrated, 99 minutes) This little-known 1962 movie is the story of Nino Badalamenti (Alberto Sordi), a manager at a Milan Fiat factory who becomes embroiled in a Mafia plot when he visits his family in Sicily. This black-and-white gem takes viewers from Milan to Sicily to New York in a journey that's breathtaking not just geographically but cinematically, taking both a humorous and tough look at the hitherto secret world of organized crime. Combining the neorealism of his native Italy with acute social commentary and lethal sophistication, director Alberto Lattuada managed to make a movie that defies easy classification. Rialto Pictures has heroically given it the restoration and rerelease it richly deserves. This film may have been made in another era, but it stands as a classy, even radical rebuke to the film school posers who keep recycling the same tired gangster tropes. (AH)

MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG-13, 100 minutes) The setup of this movie is cleverly simple. Hugh Grant, as one Alex Fletcher, is one-half of a pop group of '80s fame, the unsuccessful half. Enter cute Sophie Fisher (Drew Barrymore). She's here to water the plants, here being his apartment, while he is in turmoil with a snarky young lyricist. The issue is that Alex has been asked by a New Age pop sensation to come up with a song for her video; it could be his ticket back to the bigs, but he has to do it by Friday, and working with this rude kid doesn't seem to be getting anyone anywhere. So why is the girl watering the plants coming up with better lines? Soon an extremely awkward partnership is born. Yes, Sophie and Alex fall in love, and each of the performers has an undeniable adorability factor, but most of the issues are professional. I don't think the ending is up to the rest of the movie, but Grant and Barrymore are great together, and the movie has both zing and song. (SH)

THE NAMESAKE (PG-13, 117 minutes) This film begins in the late 1970s on a train to Calcutta when a young man, Ashoke Ganguli (Irfan Khan), meets a passenger who encourages him to see the world. It is the combination of this meeting, the calamitous event that follows and the short story he is reading at the time that sets Ashoke's future. After marrying Ashima (Tabu), he immigrates to America and starts a new life. Like the best-selling novel it's based on, this movie chronicles two generations of an immigrant family with compelling flow. Indian director Mira Nair and screenwriting partner Sooni Taraporevala do an exemplary job of telescoping the book's extensive narrative into a two-hour experience. Although we miss some of the finer details that made Jhumpa Lahiri's book so meaningful, we're moved by the movie's themes of cultural displacement and the power of chance. (DT)

NORBIT (PG-13, 102 minutes) This movie, which follows the misery of the title character (Eddie Murphy), a nerd who's caught between his abusive, extremely rotund wife, Rasputia (Murphy in big mode), and his beloved childhood sweetheart, Kate (Thandie Newton), does have its moments, most of them slapstick. But this movie isn't one of Murphy's best, a poor cousin to his other family comedies, and as Rasputia, whose catchphrase is a brassy "how you doin'?," he's surprisingly unfunny. (DT)

THE NUMBER 23 (R, 95 minutes) Jim Carrey plays a dogcatcher named Walter Sparrow. The setting is a small California town. His wife, Agatha (Virginia Madsen), spies a red volume called "The Number 23" in a secondhand bookstore

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and buys it for him. Hoo-hah, then the acting really begins. Somehow, the book leads Carrey's Sparrow to the murder, 13 years earlier, of a young woman by her professor. On the 23rd of February! Who killed the girl? Who wrote the book? Why does Walter now get all goober-skinned when his hands caress the handles of the various butcher knives all over the set? Oy. As Sam Goldwyn said: Include me out. (SH)

PAN'S LABYRINTH (R, 112 minutes) It's 1944, the fascists have just won Spain's civil war and a girl named Ofelia (Ivana Baquero) is traveling with her mother, Carmen (Ariadna Gil), to live with her new stepfather, a Nationalist army captain named Vidal (Sergi López). When Ofelia arrives at her new home, it becomes clear she matters little to Vidal. Ofelia increasingly takes refuge in a richly imagined fantasy life, one that eventually leads her to a faun living in the titular labyrinth on the house's property. With this film, director Guillermo del Toro seems to have created his manifesto, a tour de force of cautionary zeal, humanism and magic. (AH)

PREMONITION (PG-13, 96 minutes) Sandra Bullock plays Linda Hanson, whose perfect life is suddenly thrown out of whack when she's told her husband has died in a car crash Ñ only to have him reappear the next day. Linda then embarks on the most scrambled week ever, as Monday and Thursday and Tuesday and Friday rearrange themselves in a Dali-like dreamscape of disasters, revelations and Linda's frantic attempts to rewrite the future (or is it the past?). Director Mennan Yapo does a good job keeping the incoherence coherent and capturing what's at the root of Linda's grief, and Bullock recalls her performance in "Crash" in a convincing serious turn. But the movie fatally falters in its last moments, with a happy-sad payoff that will leave audiences groaning. (AH)

THE QUEEN (PG-13, 99 minutes) England's constitutional irony is the chilly but entertaining subtext of Stephen Frears' tragicomedy. The crisis begins in late August 1997, when Queen Elizabeth II (Helen Mirren) learns of Princess Diana's death. Mirren's finely calibrated performance reveals a complex woman coping with a bewildering world. (DT)

RENO 911!: MIAMI (R, 84 minutes) It's an American pastime to watch the law pursue the hapless, toothless or pantsless. "Cops" knows this. The Comedy Central show "Reno 911!" knows this, too, and now it's a feature-length movie that aspires to do the same. In the film, the Reno Sheriff's Department is taken out of Nevada and plopped in Miami for a law enforcement convention, where the Reno deputies are fish out of water next to the dapper, disciplined squads from other cities. Compared with the TV series, yes, it's a compromise. In a single film there is less chance to get to know the characters, whose tics, prejudices and inanities require more than 84 minutes divided among eight talented actors, who must ration their mugging and face time to keep the movie rolling. But it will suffice for fans hungry for new material and tired of waiting for the show's fourth season to end or the fifth to start. (DAN ZAK)

STARTER FOR 10 (PG-13, 92 minutes) What could have been merely an English college student's romantic coming-of-age story — dressed in 1980s gear, as kids bob and weave to Tears for Fears — uses British class politics of the time as a launching point for sharply observed comedy. The shy, working-class lad at the center is Brian Jackson (James McAvoy), who has a peculiar dream: to appear on the general-knowledge, college-team quiz show "University Challenge." The program amounts to a social divining rod. Its winning teams hail from the Oxfords and Cambridges rather than Brian's Bristol University. That underlying divide makes for delicious comedy when Brian's hometown friend Spencer (Dominic Cooper) visits his mate at Bristol, only to become embroiled in a fight with Brian's priggish team leader, Patrick (Benedict Cumberbatch). (DT)

STOMP THE YARD (PG-13, 115 minutes) This is really two movies. The first and most forgettable is the old one about a young man finding himself. The young

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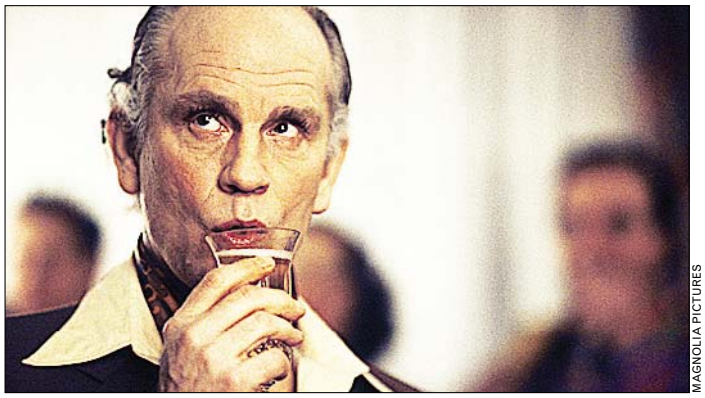

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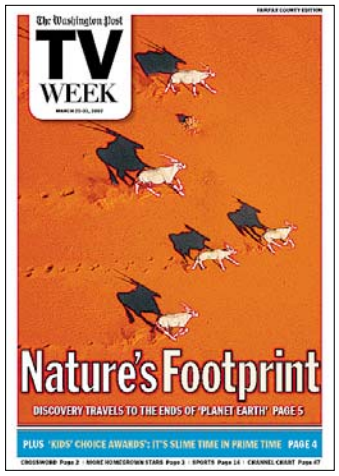

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man is a Los Angeles street dancer named DJ, and at college he decides to commit to a team sport, and as an athlete finds the respect, the brotherhood, the emotional completion that has been denied him by circumstance and pathology. He leads the team to the nationals. Ho-hum. But the sport isn't basketball or football: It's stepping. And that's the second movie. If you've never seen it, it's quite a show. (SH)

TWO WEEKS (R, 102 minutes) This movie, starring Sally Field as a dying woman whose dysfunctional children visit during her final days, could just as well have been "a very special" episode of her treacly ABC show, "Brothers & Sisters." If it were very special, that is. Field plays the matriarch of a self-obsessed, well-to-do family somewhere in a quaint, sun-soaked town. She does a darn good job of dying (much like she did in "Forrest Gump"), but here it's a bit more graphic. Credit the director for showing an honest portrayal of the effects of cancer, but the rest is just death-movie cliches, from saucer-eyed grandchildren asking, "Will she get better tomorrow?" to the children struggling over control of the urn as the ashes of the deceased go poof. (JOHN MAYNARD)

TYLER PERRY'S DADDY'S LITTLE GIRLS (PG-13, 95 minutes) This movie, written and directed by Tyler Perry, may be strictly mezzo-mezzo as art, but it's wonderful as culture. The romantic melodrama, which stars Idris Elba as a poor mechanic

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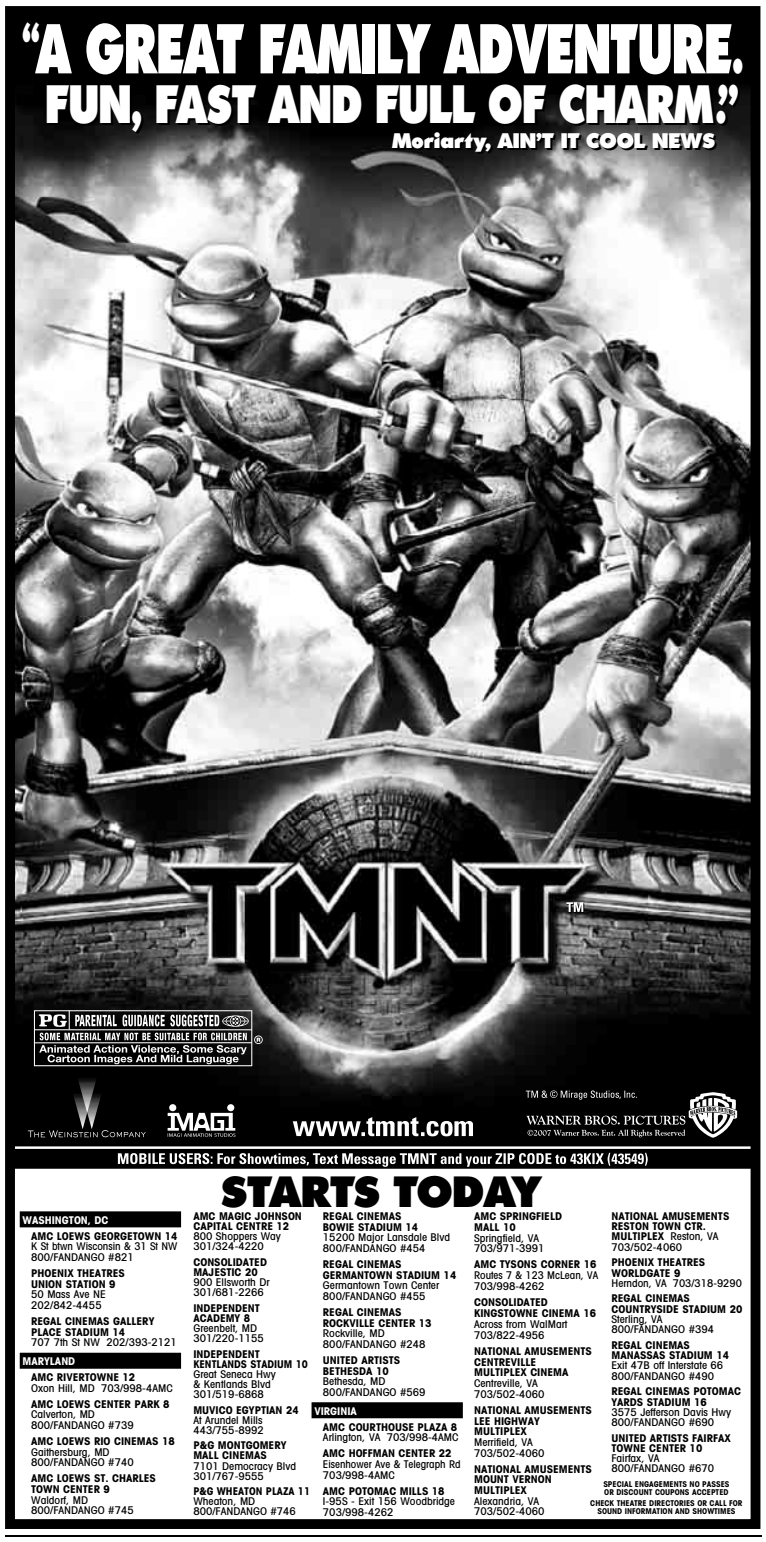

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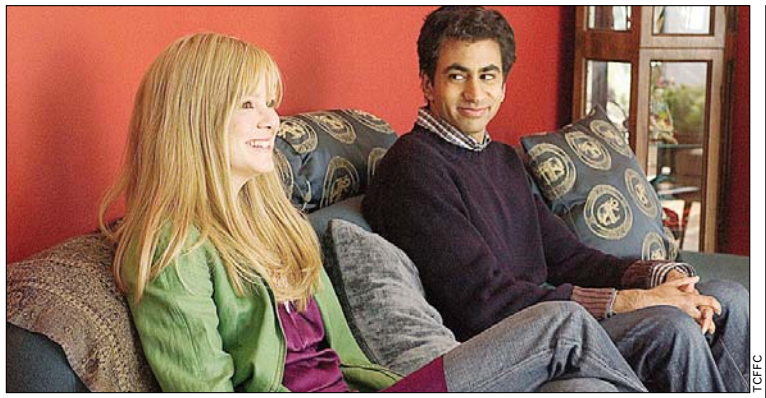
and the equally attractive Gabrielle Union as the rich lawyer who falls in love with him, can be as clunky, obvious and poorly executed as Perry's earlier (and hugely successful) comedies. But what this movie lacks in cinematic sophistication, it makes up for in setting (Atlanta) and characters (working- and middle-class African Americans), which ring consistently and refreshingly true. (AH)

WILD HOGS (PG-13, 105 minutes) This movie, starring John Travolta, William H. Macy, Martin Lawrence and Tim Allen, is another tale of almost-old men feeling so out of sorts that only a road trip can help. The boys decide to make that trip on that road, courtesy of some Milwaukee iron. Calling themselves the Wild Hogs, the four Cincinnatians set out to recover whatever it is they lost. But the movie never rises to the level of the professional, much less the comic. The gags are witless and surprisingly gross. (SH)

ZODIAC (R, 170 minutes) This movie is based on the life of a young man named Robert Graysmith (Jake Gyllenhaal), an editorial cartoonist in San Francisco who, in the late 1960s and '70s, became obsessed with the "Zodiac" serial killer. The movie is not without value, but is largely without drama: It's mostly people talking. (SH)



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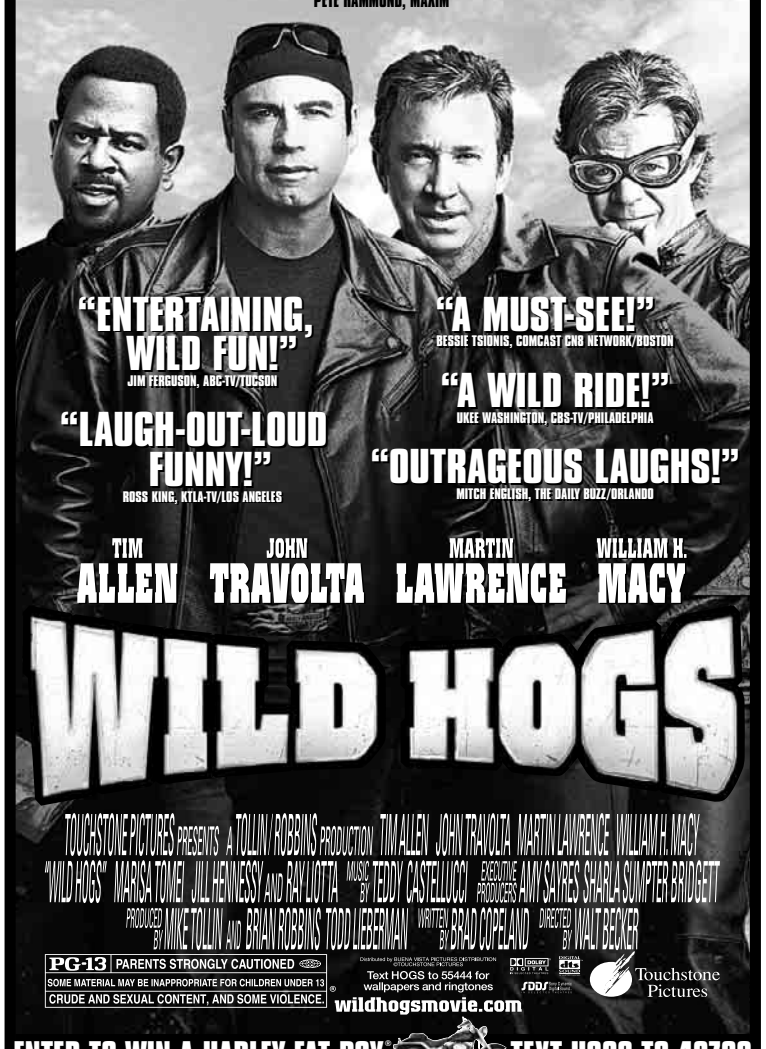

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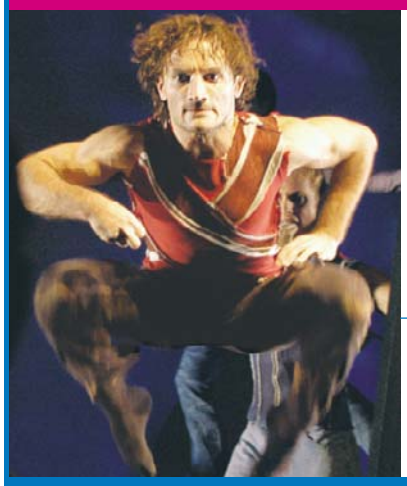

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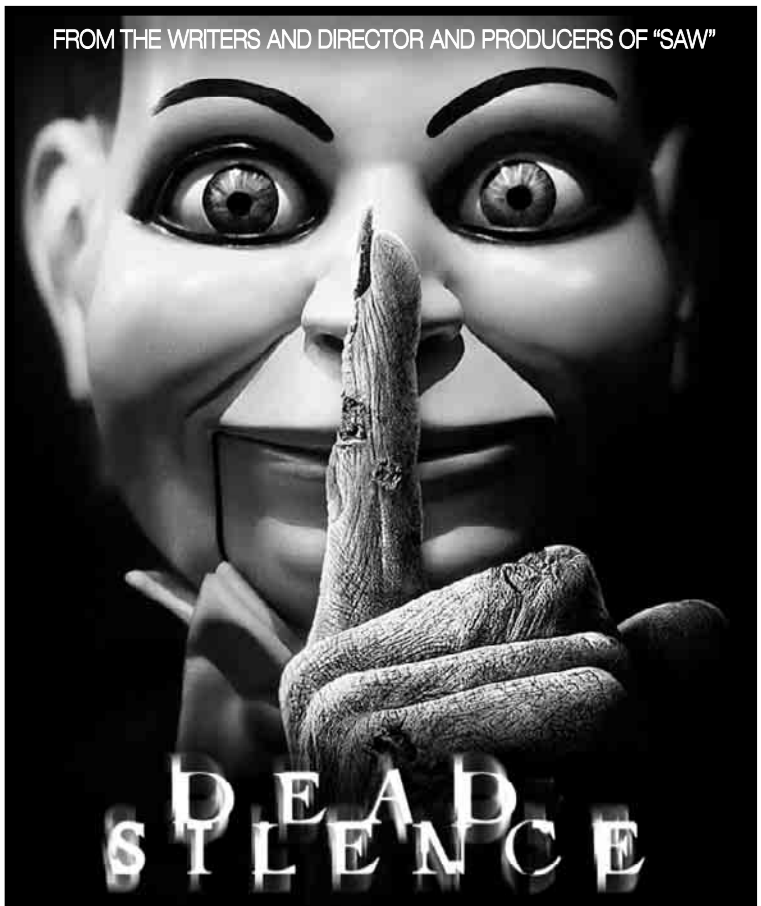

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7272 Wisconsin Avenue — 800-FANDANGO 569#

Adv. Tix on Sale MEET THE ROBINSONS (G) ★
THE LAST MIMZY (PG) DIG (130 400) 700 930
REIGN OVER ME (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (100 345) 715 1000
TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES (PG) DIG (100 315 520) 730 945
SHOOTER (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (115 400) 730 1030
DEAD SILENCE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (200 445) 800 1015
I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (200 415) 800 1015
PREMONITION (PG-13) DIG (145 445) 745 1030
300 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (130 415) 715 1000
WILD HOGS (PG-13) DIG (145 430) 745 1015
BREACH (PG-13) DIG (345) 700 945
MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG-13) DIG (115) PM

POTOMAC YARD STADIUM 16
3575 Jefferson Davis Hwy — 800-FANDANGO 690#

Adv. Tix on Sale GRINDHOUSE (R) - ID REQ'D ★
SHOOTER (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (100 130 405 435) 710 740 1015 1045
TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES (PG) DIG (235 500) 725 950
REIGN OVER ME (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (110 140 415 445) 720 750 1025 1055
THE HILLS HAVE EYES II (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (255 450 520) 715 745 940 1010 1200
PRIDE (PG) DIG (250 525) 800 1035 1150
THE LAST MIMZY (PG) DIG (220 455) 730 1005
I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (115 215 355) 640 905 1130
DEAD SILENCE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (120 400) 645 915 1140
PREMONITION (PG-13) DIG (125 155 430) 700 930
300 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (145 410 440) 705 735 1000 1030
OC: WILD HOGS (PG-13) DIG (150)
WILD HOGS (PG-13) DIG (425) 655 925
BREACH (PG-13) DIG 650 935
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) DIG (135 420)

COUNTRYSIDE STADIUM 20
45980 Regal Plaza — 800-FANDANGO 394#

Adv. Tix on Sale MEET THE ROBINSONS (G) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale GRINDHOUSE (R) - ID REQ'D ★
OC: WILD HOGS (PG-13) DIG (1145) AM
TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES (PG) DIG (1140 1240 200 310 450 540) 710 810 940
SHOOTER (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1140 130 230 430 530) 730 830 1030
REIGN OVER ME (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1130 140 220 440 520) 740 840 1040
THE HILLS HAVE EYES II (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1210 240 500) 750 1010
PRIDE (PG) DIG (115 415) 715 1015
THE LAST MIMZY (PG) DIG (120 420) 720 950
I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (110 350) 635 910
DEAD SILENCE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1215 300 545) 800 1025
PREMONITION (PG-13) DIG (1245 145 400) 700 930 1000
300 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1200 150 250 445 550) 745 850 1035
WILD HOGS (PG-13) DIG (210 410 510) 650 820
AMAZING GRACE (PG) DIG (1230 330) 630 920
BREACH (PG-13) DIG (100 345) 645 945
GHOST RIDER (PG-13) DIG (1250 340) 640 915
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) DIG (1220 320) 625 900
MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG-13) DIG 1020 PM

ROCKVILLE CENTER STADIUM 13
Rockville Town Center — 800-FANDANGO 248#

Adv. Tix on Sale GRINDHOUSE (R) - ID REQ'D ★
TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES (PG) DIG (130 430) 730 945 1205
SHOOTER (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (115 415) 715 1015
THE HILLS HAVE EYES II (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (130 430) 730 945 1215
PRIDE (PG) DIG (200 500) 800 1030
THE LAST MIMZY (PG) DIG (115 415) 715 945
REIGN OVER ME (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (145 445) 745 1035
I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (200 500) 800 1015
DEAD SILENCE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (215 515) 815 1030
PREMONITION (PG-13) DIG (115 215 515) 815 1000 1045
300 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (145 415 445) 715 745 1030 1230
WILD HOGS (PG-13) (100 400) 700 930 1150
BREACH (PG-13) DIG 930 1205
GHOST RIDER (PG-13) DIG 1210 AM
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) DIG (100 400) 700

FAIRFAX TOWNE CENTER 10
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Adv. Tix on Sale GRINDHOUSE (R) - ID REQ'D ★
SHOOTER (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (100 130 400 430) 700 730 950 1020
TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES (PG) DIG (110 150 330 410) 650 740 930
THE LAST MIMZY (PG) DIG (140 435) 725 945
PREMONITION (PG-13) DIG (145 440) 720 955
PREMONITION (PG-13) (340) 920
WILD HOGS (PG-13) DIG (120 420) 735 1010
I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (125 345) 710 940
DEAD SILENCE (R) - ID REQ'D (120 350) 745 1005
BREACH (PG-13) (105) 645
AMAZING GRACE (PG) DIG 1000 PM

GERMANTOWN STADIUM 14
20000 Century Blvd — 800-FANDANGO 455#

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Adv. Tix on Sale GRINDHOUSE (R) - ID REQ'D ★
TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES (PG) DIG (1220 130 245 430 515) 700 745 1015
SHOOTER (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (100 415) 730 1045
REIGN OVER ME (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1245 400) 715 1020
THE LAST MIMZY (PG) DIG (130 445) 730 1010
THE HILLS HAVE EYES II (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (145 500) 800 1030
PRIDE (PG) DIG (110 410) 715 1000
I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1250 415) 815 1040
DEAD SILENCE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1230 245 515) 815 1040
PREMONITION (PG-13) DIG (145 500) 800 945 1030
300 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (100 400 445) 700 745 1000 1045
WILD HOGS (PG-13) DIG (115 350) 645 950
GHOST RIDER (PG-13) DIG 945 PM
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) DIG (1245 350) 645
AMAZING GRACE (PG) DIG (1230) PM

UA SNOWDEN SQ STADIUM 14
9161 Commerce Ctr Dr — 800-FANDANGO 570#

Adv. Tix on Sale MEET THE ROBINSONS (G) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale GRINDHOUSE (R) - ID REQ'D ★
TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES (PG) DIG (1230 245 515) 745 1010
SHOOTER (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1245 345) 730 1030
THE HILLS HAVE EYES II (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (130 445) 800 1015
PRIDE (PG) DIG (1245 315) 700 945
THE LAST MIMZY (PG) DIG (115 335) 700 930
REIGN OVER ME (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (100 345) 730 1020
OC & DA: DEAD SILENCE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (145) PM
I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (200 430) 800 1020
DEAD SILENCE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (415) 815 1025
PREMONITION (PG-13) DIG (130 400) 645 915
300 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (115 400) 715 745 1000 1030
WILD HOGS (PG-13) DIG (145 415) 715 945
AMAZING GRACE (PG) DIG (1230 315) 630 915
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) DIG (100 330) 645 930
MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG-13) DIG (200 430)

MANASSAS STADIUM 14
11380 Bulloch Drive — 800-FANDANGO 490#

Adv. Tix on Sale GRINDHOUSE (R) - ID REQ'D ★
THE LAST MIMZY (PG) DIG (1150 220 445) 730 950
REIGN OVER ME (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1230 325) 720 1010
TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES (PG) DIG (1140 1215 200 230 420 450) 710 740 955
SHOOTER (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1240 340) 725 1015
THE HILLS HAVE EYES II (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1205 240 455) 750 1005
PRIDE (PG) DIG (1255 330) 745 1020
I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1200 215 435) 700 935
DEAD SILENCE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (100 405) 700 920
PREMONITION (PG-13) DIG (100 400) 755 1025
300 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1235 345) 650 925 945
WILD HOGS (PG-13) DIG (1250 350) 645 915
AMAZING GRACE (PG) DIG (1220 315) 640
BREACH (PG-13) DIG 940 PM
GHOST RIDER (PG-13) DIG 930 PM
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) DIG (1145 210 430) 705

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***REIGN OVER ME (R)**
11:40, 4:25, 7:40, 10:35
***THE LAST MIMZY (PG)**
11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
***THE HILLS HAVE EYES II (R)**
12:10, 2:45, 5:15, 7:55, 10:45
***SHOOTER (R)**
11:20, 4:15, 7:20, 10:25
***I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R)**
11:45, 2:20, 4:55, 7:25, 9:55
***PREMONITION (PG-13)**
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***DEAD SILENCE (R)**
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300 (R)
11:50, 12:50, 3:00, 3:45, 5:45 6:45, 8:40, 10:10
WILD HOGS (PG-13)
11:35, 2:05, 4:35, 7:05, 9:35
ZODIAC (R)
12:05, 6:10
AMAZING GRACE (PG)
3:55, 9:40
GHOST RIDER (PG-13)
12:45, 3:50, 6:55, 10:05
Tyler Perry's *DADDY'S LITTLE GIRLS (PG-13)
11:05, 1:45, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45
BREACH (PG-13)
12:15, 4:10, 7:35, 10:20
THE BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG)
11:15, 1:35, 4:05, 6:35, 9:10
NORBIT (PG-13)
12:30, 3:30, 6:50, 9:20
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PRIDE (PG)
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TMNT (PG)
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WILD HOGS (PG-13)
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DEAD SILENCE (R)
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PRIDE (PG) 5:20, 7:25, 9:45
THE HILLS HAVE EYES II (R)
5:25, 7:25, 9:40
300 (R) 4:45, 7:10, 9:30
WILD HOGS (PG-13) 4:50, 7:20, 9:35

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THE HILLS HAVE EYES II (R)
12:15, 2:10, 4:10, 6:05, 8:00, 9:50
PRIDE (PG)
12:30, 2:35, 4:40, 6:45, 8:50, 10:50
SHOOTER (R)
12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10
TMNT (PG)
12:00, 1:50, 3:40, 5:30, 7:20, 9:10
DEAD SILENCE (R)
12:20, 2:20, 4:15, 6:20, 8:20, 10:20
I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R)
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MISS POTTER (PG)
10:05 am, 12:15, 2:20, 4:25, 7:10, 9:25
AVENUE MONTAIGNE (PG-13)
9:55 am, 12:00, 2:15, 4:35, 7:00, 9:15
AMAZING GRACE (PG)
9:50 am, 12:10, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:50
THE LIVES OF OTHERS (R)
10 am, 1:15, 4:15, 7:40, 10:10

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***TMNT (PG)**
12:00, 2:25, 4:50, 7:15, 9:30
***THE HILLS HAVE EYES II (R)**
12:40, 2:55, 5:15, 8:00, 10:20
***THE LAST MIMZY (PG)**
11:45, 2:05, 4:25, 6:50, 9:10
***PRIDE (PG)**
1:20, 4:10, 6:45, 9:20
***REIGN OVER ME (R)**
12:30, 3:30, 7:05, 10:00
***SHOOTER (R)**
12:50, 4:00, 7:40, 10:30
***PREMONITION (PG-13)**
12:10, 2:40, 5:00, 7:50, 10:10
***DEAD SILENCE (R)**
1:15, 4:15, 7:00, 9:40
***I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R)**
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300 (R)
12:15, 1:30, 3:15, 4:30 6:30, 7:30, 9:15, 10:15
WILD HOGS (PG-13)
11:50, 2:15, 4:45, 7:20, 9:50
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG)
1:00, 3:45, 6:15, 8:45
BREACH (PG-13)
12:25, 3:05, 6:55, 9:35
MUSIC AND LYRICS BY (PG-13)
1:10, 3:50, 6:25, 9:00
GHOST RIDER (PG-13)
3:40, 9:05
AMAZING GRACE (PG)
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COLOR ME KUBRICK (NR)
11:20, 1:35, 3:40, 5:40, 7:45, 9:55
THE PRISONER: OR HOW I PLANNED TO KILL TONY BLAIR (NR)
12:10, 2:10, 4:00, 6:15, 8:00, 10:00
LIVES OF OTHERS (R)
12:00, 3:00, 6:00, 9:00
AVENUE MONTAIGNE (NR)
11:10, 1:45, 4:35, 7:10, 9:35
THE HOST (R)
11:00, 1:55, 4:30, 7:05, 9:50
THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND (R)
11:05, 4:25, 9:40
MAFIOSO (NR) 1:50, 7:15

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THE LAST MIMZY (PG) (10:40 @ $5), 1:30, 4:15, 7:10, 9:45
PRIDE (PG) (10:50 @ $5), 1:50, 4:40, 7:20, 10:15
REIGN OVER ME (R) (10:00, 10:30 @ $5), 12:45, 1:45, 4:00, 5:00, 7:15, 8:15, 10:05, 11:35
SHOOTER (R) (10:05, 10:45 @ $5), 1:00, 2:15, 4:15, 5:15, 7:35, 8:45, 10:45, 12:00
TMNT (PG) (11:30 @ $5), 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30, 11:45
DEAD SILENCE (R) (10:10 @ $5), 12:35, 2:50, 5:10, 7:40, 10:00, 12:15
I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R) (11:05 @ $5), 1:25, 4:25, 7:05, 9:35, 12:05
PREMONITION (PG13) (10:15, 11:55 @ $5), 12:50, 2:25, 3:15, 5:05, 5:55, 7:50, 8:40, 11:05
300 (R) (10:20, 11:20 @ $5), 12:20, 1:20, 2:20, 3:20, 4:20, 5:20, 6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:50, 10:45, 11:50, 12:30
300 (R) CC (10:20 @ $5), 1:20, 4:20, 7:30, 10:45
WILD HOGS (PG13) 12:00, 2:55, 5:45, 8:10, 10:35
ZODIAC (R) 2:05, 8:05
BREACH (PG13) (10:25 @ $5), 1:05, 3:55, 6:55, 9:40
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) (11:10 @ $5), 1:35, 4:10
GHOST RIDER (PG13) 10:20 PM
MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG13) 1:15, 6:50
TYLER PERRY'S DADDY'S LITTLE GIRLS (PG13) 6:45, 9:10
NORBIT (PG13) (11:25 @ $5), 5:35, 11:30

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BLACK SNAKE MOAN (R) (10:35 @ $5), 4:05, 9:20

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THE LAST MIMZY (PG) ✓ 12:05, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
PRIDE (PG) ✓ 12:10, 2:30, 5:00, 7:35, 10:15
REIGN OVER ME (R) ✓ 1:10, 4:05, 7:00, 10:00
SHOOTER (R) ✓ 1:35, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30
TMNT (PG) ✓ 12:25, 2:40, 4:55, 7:15, 9:35, 11:55
DEAD SILENCE (R) ✓ 1:15, 3:30, 5:50, 8:15, 10:35
I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R) ✓ 12:00, 2:15, 4:40, 7:05, 9:30, 11:50
PREMONITION (PG13) ✓ 12:50, 3:15, 5:40, 8:10, 10:40
300 (R) 1:10, 4:00, 6:45, 7:45, 9:25, 10:25, 12:00
ZODIAC (R) 12:30, 4:00, 7:25, 10:50
BREACH (PG13) 12:00, 2:25, 5:05, 7:50
MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG13) 12:00, 2:35, 5:10

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THE NAMESAKE (PG13) 2:10, 5:00, 8:00, 10:55
PAN'S LABYRINTH (R) 10:45 PM

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PRIDE (PG) ✓ 1:45, 4:20, 7:00, 9:45
REIGN OVER ME (R) ✓ 1:00, 4:15, 7:15, 10:10
SHOOTER (R) ✓ 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:20
TMNT (PG) ✓ 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:25, 9:45
DEAD SILENCE (R) ✓ 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:30
I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R) ✓ 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:15
PREMONITION (PG13) ✓ 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:00
300 (R) 12:00, 2:50, 5:30, 8:10, 10:45
WILD HOGS (PG13) 12:30, 3:15, 5:45, 8:05, 10:30

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THE HILLS HAVE EYES 2 (R) ✓ (11:10 @ $5), 1:30, 3:50, 6:20, 8:40, 11:00
THE LAST MIMZY (PG) ✓ (10:10 @ $5), 12:40, 3:10, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10
PRIDE (PG) ✓ (10:45 @ $5), 1:30, 4:05, 7:05, 9:40
REIGN OVER ME (R) ✓ (10:50 @ $5), 1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 10:10
SHOOTER (R) ✓ (10:30 @ $5), 1:25, 4:25, 7:30, 10:30
TMNT (PG) ✓ (10:00, 11:00 @ $5), 12:20, 1:10, 2:30, 3:30, 4:50, 5:50, 7:10, 8:10, 9:30, 10:20
DEAD SILENCE (R) ✓ (10:35 @ $5), 1:00, 3:30, 5:45, 8:15, 10:40
I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R) ✓ (10:15 @ $5), 12:50, 3:15, 5:45, 8:00, 10:35
PREMONITION (PG13) ✓ (11:30 @ $5), 2:00, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30
300 (R) (10:40 @ $5), 12:10, 1:20, 2:50, 4:10, 5:40, 7:10, 8:20, 9:50, 11:10
300 (R) CC 12:10, 2:50, 5:40, 8:20, 11:10
WILD HOGS (PG13) (10:20 @ $5), 1:05, 3:40, 6:10, 8:40, 11:10
ZODIAC (R) 10:15 PM
BREACH (PG13) (10:55 @ $5), 1:45, 4:40, 7:25, 10:05
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) (10:05 @ $5), 12:30, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40
GHOST RIDER (PG13) (10:10 @ $5), 12:40, 3:20, 5:55, 8:30, 10:50
MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG13) (10:50 @ $5), 1:10, 3:50, 6:35, 9:20

AMC POTOMAC MILLS 18

2700 Potomac Mills Circle, Ste 886
703-998-4262

THE HILLS HAVE EYES 2 (R) ✓ (10:10 @ $5), 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:15
THE LAST MIMZY (PG) ✓ (11:25 @ $5), 1:55, 4:30, 7:05, 9:30
PRIDE (PG) ✓ (11:35 @ $5), 2:05, 4:35, 7:10, 9:45
REIGN OVER ME (R) ✓ (10:45 @ $5), 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45
SHOOTER (R) ✓ (10:15 @ $5), 1:05, 4:05, 7:15, 10:10
TMNT (PG) ✓ (10:05, 11:20 @ $5), 12:15, 1:40, 2:45, 4:10, 5:10, 6:30, 7:30, 9:00, 10:00
DEAD SILENCE (R) ✓ (10:30 @ $5), 12:50, 3:20, 5:45, 8:10, 10:30
I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R) ✓ (10:00 @ $5), 12:20, 2:40, 5:05, 7:35, 9:55
PREMONITION (PG13) ✓ (11:40 @ $5), 2:15, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
300 (R) (10:25, 11:15 @ $5), 1:10, 2:10, 4:00, 5:00, 6:50, 7:50, 9:40, 10:40
300 (R) CC (11:15 @ $5), 2:10, 5:00, 7:50, 10:40
WILD HOGS (PG13) (10:00, 11:00 @ $5), 12:25, 1:25, 2:50, 3:50, 5:15, 6:40, 7:40, 9:05, 10:05
ZODIAC (R) 1:00, 7:00
BREACH (PG13) (10:20 @ $5), 4:20, 10:20
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) (11:30 @ $5), 1:50, 4:15, 6:45
GHOST RIDER (PG13) (11:10 @ $5), 2:00, 4:40, 7:25, 10:25
TYLER PERRY'S DADDY'S LITTLE GIRLS (PG13) 9:20 PM
NORBIT (PG13) (10:50 @ $5), 1:35, 4:25, 6:55, 9:25

AMC COLUMBIA MALL 14

10300 Patuxent Parkway
410-423-0520

THE HILLS HAVE EYES 2 (R) (11:00 @ $5), 1:20, 3:50, 6:10, 8:30, 10:50
THE LAST MIMZY (PG) (11:25 @ $5), 1:55, 4:25, 7:00, 9:30
PRIDE (PG) (11:50 @ $5), 2:35, 5:15, 8:00, 10:40
REIGN OVER ME (R) (10:25 @ $5), 1:15, 4:15, 7:20, 10:20
SHOOTER (R) (10:35 @ $5), 1:35, 4:35, 7:30, 10:30
TMNT (PG) (10:30 @ $5), 12:50, 3:10, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10
DEAD SILENCE (R) (11:30 @ $5), 1:50, 4:10, 6:30, 8:50, 11:05
I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R) (11:10 @ $5), 1:40, 4:05, 6:40, 9:10
PREMONITION (PG13) (11:45 @ $5), 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:15
300 (R) (10:40, 11:40 @ $5), 2:30, 4:20, 5:20, 7:10, 8:10, 10:00, 11:00
WILD HOGS (PG13) (10:20 @ $5), 12:45, 3:20, 5:50, 8:20, 10:55
WILD HOGS (PG13) CC (10:20 @ $5), 12:45, 3:20, 5:50, 8:20, 10:55
ZODIAC (R) (11:20 @ $5), 2:50, 6:20, 9:50
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) (11:35 @ $5), 2:05, 4:30, 6:50
GHOST RIDER (PG13) 1:30
NORBIT (PG13) 9:20 PM

LOEWS FAIRFAX SQUARE 8

8065 Leesburg Pike
703-506-9857 802

THE ASTRONAUT FARMER (PG) 12:00, 2:20, 4:40, 7:40, 10:20
THE NUMBER 23 (R) 12:20, 2:30, 5:10, 8:10, 10:50
GHOST RIDER (PG13) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG13) 12:15, 2:35, 4:50, 7:50, 10:30

AMC SELECT
AMAZING GRACE (PG) 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:00
THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND (R) 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:45
DREAMGIRLS (PG13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
THE QUEEN (PG13) 12:10, 2:40, 5:00, 8:00, 10:40

MAGIC JOHNSON CAPITAL CENTRE 12

800 Shopper's Way, Largo
301-324-4220

THE HILLS HAVE EYES 2 (R) 12:10, 2:40, 5:00, 7:45, 10:10
PRIDE (PG) 1:50, 4:40, 7:10, 9:50
REIGN OVER ME (R) 1:10, 4:30, 7:20, 10:20
SHOOTER (R) 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 10:00
TMNT (PG) 12:50, 3:00, 5:30, 7:30, 9:40
DEAD SILENCE (R) 1:30, 4:00, 6:50, 9:30
I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R) 12:30, 3:15, 5:40, 8:10, 10:40
PREMONITION (PG13) 12:20, 2:50, 5:20, 7:40, 10:15
300 (R) 1:40, 4:50, 7:50, 10:30
WILD HOGS (PG13) 2:00, 4:20, 6:40, 9:20
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) 1:05, 3:30, 5:50
GHOST RIDER (PG13) 2:30, 7:35
TYLER PERRY'S DADDY'S LITTLE GIRLS (PG13) 8:00, 10:25
NORBIT (PG13) 12:00, 5:10, 10:05

LOEWS DUPONT 5

1350 19th St.
1-800-FANDANGO #711

300 (R) 1:30, 4:10, 5:00, 7:00, 9:40, 10:15
TWO WEEKS (R) 2:15, 7:45
BREACH (PG13) 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:50

AMC SELECT
STARTER FOR 10 (PG13) 2:30, 5:15, 8:00, 10:10
AMAZING GRACE (PG) 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:00

LOEWS UPTOWN 1

3426 Connecticut Avenue N.W.
1-800-FANDANGO #713

300 (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00

AMC TYSONS CORNER 16

7850 Tysons Corner Center
703-998-4262

THE HILLS HAVE EYES 2 (R) ✓ (10:25 @ $6), 12:40, 2:55, 5:10, 7:35, 10:05, 12:20
THE LAST MIMZY (PG) ✓ (10:15 @ $6), 12:55, 3:20, 5:50, 8:25, 10:45
PRIDE (PG) ✓ (10:05 @ $6), 12:25, 2:50, 5:30, 8:00, 10:40
REIGN OVER ME (R) ✓ (10:35 @ $6), 1:30, 4:20, 7:15, 10:30
SHOOTER (R) ✓ (10:50 @ $6), 1:50, 4:50, 7:50, 10:50
TMNT (PG) ✓ (10:45 @ $6), 1:05, 3:25, 5:45, 8:20, 10:35
DEAD SILENCE (R) ✓ (10:40 @ $6), 12:50, 3:10, 5:20, 7:40, 9:55, 12:10
I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R) ✓ (11:10 @ $6), 1:45, 4:15, 7:00, 9:35, 11:55
PREMONITION (PG13) ✓ (10:00 @ $6), 12:15, 2:35, 4:55, 7:20, 9:45, 12:05
300 (R) (10:30 @ $6), 12:05, 1:25, 2:45, 4:10, 5:35, 7:05, 8:30, 9:50, 11:20, 12:25
WILD HOGS (PG13) (11:30 @ $6), 2:00, 4:35, 7:10, 9:40, 12:00
ZODIAC (R) 12:35, 4:05, 7:30, 10:55
BREACH (PG13) (11:15 @ $6), 1:55, 4:45, 7:45, 10:25
BREACH (PG13) CC (11:15 @ $6), 1:55, 4:45, 7:45, 10:25
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) (10:10 @ $6), 12:30, 3:00, 5:25, 7:55, 10:20

AMC RIVERTOWNE 12

Exit 4A I-95, 1/2 mi. on Oxon Hill Rd.
703-998-4AMC

THE HILLS HAVE EYES 2 (R) ✓ 4:25, 7:35, 10:10
PRIDE (PG) ✓ 4:50, 7:45, 10:30
SHOOTER (R) ✓ 4:35, 7:25, 10:15
TMNT (PG) ✓ 5:45, 8:10, 10:40
DEAD SILENCE (R) ✓ 4:50, 7:20, 10:15
I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R) ✓ 5:30, 8:10, 10:45
PREMONITION (PG13) ✓ 5:15, 8:00, 10:35
300 (R) 4:20, 7:25, 10:20
WILD HOGS (PG13) 4:40, 7:40, 10:40
GHOST RIDER (PG13) 5:00, 7:50, 10:30
TYLER PERRY'S DADDY'S LITTLE GIRLS (PG13) 4:30, 7:15, 10:00
NORBIT (PG13) 4:30, 7:30, 10:20

AMC COURTHOUSE PLAZA 8

Courthouse and Birch Rd.
703-998-4AMC

REIGN OVER ME (R) ✓ 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50
TMNT (PG) ✓ 12:15, 2:20, 4:30, 6:50, 9:00
I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R) ✓ 1:10, 3:30, 5:40, 7:50, 10:30
WILD HOGS (PG13) 12:50, 3:10, 5:30, 7:40, 10:20
ZODIAC (R) 12:10, 3:20, 6:40, 10:00
BREACH (PG13) 12:00, 2:30, 4:50, 7:20, 9:40
MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG13) 12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:30, 10:10

AMC SELECT
MISS POTTER (PG) 12:05, 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:20

LOEWS SHIRLINGTON 7

2772 South Randolph
703-671-0910 801

AMC SELECT
THE NAMESAKE (PG13) 1:40, 2:30, 4:10, 5:00, 7:00, 7:40, 9:30, 10:00
THE HOST (R) 2:20, 4:40, 7:30, 9:50
STARTER FOR 10 (PG13) 3:50, 9:20
AMAZING GRACE (PG) 2:10, 4:20, 7:20, 9:40
THE LIVES OF OTHERS (R) 2:00, 4:50, 8:00
THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND (R) 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40
THE QUEEN (PG13) 1:30, 7:10

LOEWS WHITE FLINT 5

North Bethesda
1-800-FANDANGO #741

PRIDE (PG) 2:15, 4:50, 7:20, 9:45
REIGN OVER ME (R) 1:50, 4:40, 7:25, 10:10
SHOOTER (R) 2:05, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15
PREMONITION (PG13) 2:20, 4:30, 7:00, 9:20
300 (R) 2:00, 4:35, 7:15, 9:50

AMC MAZZA GALLERIE

Jenifer and Wisconsin
202-537-9553

THE HILLS HAVE EYES 2 (R) ✓ 12:10, 2:20, 4:30, 6:40, 8:50, 11:00
THE LAST MIMZY (PG) ✓ 12:50, 3:20, 5:55, 8:00, 10:20
REIGN OVER ME (R) ✓ 1:25, 4:10, 7:05, 9:50
SHOOTER (R) ✓ 2:15, 5:05, 8:10, 10:55
PREMONITION (PG13) ✓ 12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40
WILD HOGS (PG13) 12:40, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 10:00
BREACH (PG13) 3:15, 8:05
MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG13) 12:45, 5:40, 10:35
MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG13) CC 12:45, 5:40, 10:35

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✓-SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT No passes or discount coupons CC - Closed Captioning · DVS - Descriptive Video Service

Television

MAYBE FONZIE WILL VISIT: Laverne and Shirley, together again! Penny Marshall and Cindy Williams will star as themselves in a new scripted comedy for TV Land. Williams will move into Marshall's home for the shoot.

ON TV THIS WEEKEND

TV TO WEB TO TV TO JACK BLACK

ACCEPTABLE TV (Fri., 10 p.m., VH1) combines the best and silliest of interactive media and old-fashioned television. Every half-hour installment will present six short pilots for possible series. Viewers are encouraged to proceed to the Web site (acceptable.tv) to vote for the two pilots they would like to see continue. Viewers can also submit their own productions. Future episodes will feature the two ongoing series chosen by viewers, new offerings from the "Acceptable" staff of improv comics and one viewer creation. Produced by and starring Jack Black, "Acceptable" may not be the future of media, but it has its moments.

OLD-SCHOOL WOMEN WITH RIFLES

The documentary **FULL METAL CORSET: SECRET SOLDIERS OF THE CIVIL WAR** (Sat., 7 p.m., History) explores the unusual stories of women who impersonated men in order to fight in the Civil War. As the experts interviewed here make clear, it took a very strong individual to buck the gender stereotypes of the era, when women were barred from military service, voting and most business affairs. The two women profiled here both defied their families' wishes and escaped arranged marriages to much older men. Sarah Emma Edmonds left her home in Canada and cut her hair to pass as a young man. She eventually enlisted in the Michigan Infantry Volunteers. Cuban-born Loretta Velazquez grew up idolizing Joan of Arc. After her husband, a Confederate officer, was killed at the outbreak of the Civil War, Velazquez cut her hair, donned a mustache, took the name Harry T. Buford and raised her own company of soldiers. In an odd quirk of history, both of these women fought at Bull Run on opposite sides of the battlefield.

DISCOVERY

"Planet Earth" is one of Discovery Channel's most exceptional programs.

EMERGENCY IN THE ER

Dr. Sanjay Gupta hosts **GRADY'S ANATOMY** (Sat. & Sun., 8 p.m. and 11 p.m., CNN) and looks at the working schedules and lifestyles of three medical residents at an Atlanta hospital. It's not all McDreamy.

SPECTACULAR SCENERY

The gorgeously photographed, month-long nature spectacular **PLANET EARTH** (Sun., 8 p.m., 9 p.m., and 10 p.m., Discovery; airing on consecutive Sundays through April 22) will probably make even the most reluctant technophobe covet those massive new high-definition sets. Narrated by Sigourney Weaver, "Earth" is a work of cinematic wonder. It reflects the labor of more than 70 camera operators who spent a collective 2,000 days shooting from more than 200 locations. Some of these filmmakers waited for weeks and months to get the right shot. And many of the rare species highlighted on "Earth" have never been photographed before. Every episode concludes with a brief behind-the-scenes look at the making of "Earth." My favorite tale of hardship involves a camera crew spending weeks in a cave amid tons of bat guano. Now that's what I call dedication.

SCI FI

ANY BABY SEATS FOR MY SPACESHIP? "Galactica" closes its third season.

ONE LAST BATTLE

The repercussions from Baltar's trial reverberate on the season finale of **BATTLESTAR GALACTICA** (Sun., 10 p.m., Sci Fi). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

3.23.07		6:00 PM	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
LOCAL CHANNELS	WRC 4	News CC		NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	Identity (N) CC		Miss USA 2007 Contestants vie for the crown. (S Live) CC				News CC	Tonight Show
	WTTG 5	Seinfeld CC	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Seinfeld "Pilot"	House "Poison" (PA) CC		The Wedding Bells (N) CC		News		News	Every-Raymond
	WJLA 7	News CC	ABC Wld News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Grey's Anatomy CC		(:01) Six Degrees "Slings and Arrows"		20/20 CC		News CC	(:35) Nightline
	WUSA 9	News CC	Evening News	College Basketball: NCAA Tourn. Regional Semi.					College Basketball: NCAA Tourn. Regional Semi. -- North Carolina vs. USC or Oregon vs. UNLV				
	WDCA 20	Scrubs CC	Scrubs CC	Judge Joe Brown	Judge Judy (N)	★ "Deuces Wild" (2002, Crime Drama) Stephen Dorff, Brad Renfro. CC				The Tyra Banks Show CC		Still Standing	Still Standing
	WMPT 22	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Business Rpt.	State Circle	Washington Week	NOW (N) CC	Masterpiece Theatre Henry VIII marries Anne Boleyn.			Being Served	Roadshow FYI	Smart Travels
	WETA 26	BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Washington Week	Inside Wash.	NOW (N) CC	My Music: The British Beat CC				Johnny Mathis
	WHUT 32	White House	Tavis Smiley	BBC World News	Moneywise	Evening Exch	Keith Harrell: Attitude Is Everything for Success CC			BBC World News	Tavis Smiley	Charlie Rose (N) CC	
	WDCW 50	My Wife and Kids	My Wife and Kids	Friends CC	Friends CC	WWE Friday Night SmackDown! (N) CC				Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Sex and the City	Sex and the City
BASIC CABLE	A&E	Crossing Jordan "Don't Look Back"		CSI: Miami "Felony Flight" CC		CSI: NY "Manhattan Manhunt" CC		CSI: Miami "The Best Defense" CC		Intervention "Kim" Makeup artist. (N)		Intervention "Kristen" Young mother.	
	Animal	The Crocodile Hunter Diaries CC		The Planet's Funniest Animals (N)		Meerkat Manor	Meerkat Manor	Meerkat Manor	Meerkat Manor	Animal Planet Heroes Phoenix (N)		The Planet's Funniest Animals CC	
	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live Top 10 countdown. (N)			College Hill CC	★ "Gang of Roses" (2003, Western) Monica Calhoun, Stacey Dash. CC				Comicview CC		Jamie Foxx	Jamie Foxx
	Bravo	Grease: You're the One That I Want		Friday Night Lights CC		★★ "Waterworld" (1995, Science Fiction) Kevin Costner, Dennis Hopper. A loner navigates a future world. CC						★★ "Waterworld" (1995) CC	
	Comedy	(5:00) ★ "Ringmaster" (1998) CC		Scrubs CC	Scrubs CC	Daily Show	Colbert Report	Mind of Mencia	South Park CC	★★ "Blue Collar Comedy Tour Rides Again" (2004, Documentary) CC			
	Court	Hollywood Heat	Masterminds	Cops CC	Cops CC	Video Justice (N)	Video Justice	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	The Investigators (N)		Dunne: Power, Privilege & Justice	
	Discovery	It Takes a Thief CC		Dirty Jobs "Skull Cleaner"		Dirty Jobs Sugar mill; alligator farm.		Dirty Jobs Wine making. CC		Dirty Jobs Taylor Shellfish Farms.		Stunt Junkies	Stunt Junkies
	DISCH	Code Blue "Long Hours, Late Nights"		Impact: Stories of Survival CC		Critical Hour "Shattered Worlds"		Dr. G: Medical Examiner CC		Dr. G: Medical Examiner CC		Critical Hour "Shattered Worlds"	
	Disney	Life With Derek	That's So Raven	Hannah Montana	Zack & Cody	Hannah Montana	Cory in the House	★★ "Big Fat Liar" (2002, Comedy) Frankie Muniz. CC			(:35) ★★ "Big Fat Liar" (2002) Frankie Muniz. CC		
	E!	Paradise City	Paradise City	E! News (N)	The Daily 10 (N)	Full House: The E! True Hollywood Story The cast of "Full House." CC				The Soup (N)	Paradise City	E! News	The Daily 10
	FX	King of the Hill	King of the Hill	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	Dirt "Caught on Tape"	
	HGTV	Look What I Did!	Extreme Homes	If Walls Could	House Hunters	Designed to Sell	Buy Me	24 Hour Design	Curb Appeal (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters	Parents House	FreeStyle
	Family	7th Heaven "Lost" CC		Smallville "Nocturne" CC		★★ "Bring It On" (2000) Kirsten Dunst, Eliza Dushku. Premiere. CC				Whose Line?	Whose Line?	The 700 Club CC	
	History	Our Generation	Mail Call CC	Modern Marvels: Hardware Stores		Shootout! CC		Dogfights "Hell Over Hanoi" CC		Mail Call CC		Modern Marvels: A-10 Tankbuster	
	Lifetime	Reba CC	Reba CC	Still Standing	Still Standing	Reba CC	Reba CC	"Last Exit" (2006, Suspense) Kathleen Robertson, Andrea Roth. CC				Will & Grace	Will & Grace
	MTV	The Real World	Nas: MTV Live	True Life "I'm Autistic" Autism.		True Life "I'm a Genius"		Kicked in the N	Jackass	Wild n Out	Wild n Out	Rules-Spring	Breakdown
	NICK	Ned's School	Tigre: Rivera	Fairly OddParents	Jimmy Neutron	Tigre: Rivera	Tigre: Rivera	Tigre: Rivera	Tigre: Rivera	Full House CC	Full House CC	Full House CC	Fresh Prince
	SCIFI	Stargate SG-1 "The Changeling"		The Dresden Files "Bad Blood"		The Dresden Files "Soul Beneficiary"		The Dresden Files "Walls" CC		The Dresden Files "Storm Front"		Heroes "Run!" CC	
	SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation CC		CSI: NY "Night, Mother" CC	
	TBS	Seinfeld CC	Seinfeld CC	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	★★ "Legally Blonde" (2001) Reese Witherspoon, Luke Wilson. CC				(:10) ★★ "Jersey Girl" (2004, Romance-Comedy) Ben Affleck, Liv Tyler. CC			
	TLC	Flip That House	Flip That House	Take Home Chef	Take Home Chef	What Not to Wear "Ellen E." CC		What Not to Wear Fashion career. (N)		What Not to Wear Thrift store look.		What Not to Wear Fashion career.	
	TNT	Law & Order "Suicide Box"		Law & Order "Absentia"		★★★ "A Time to Kill" (1996) Sandra Bullock. A lawyer's defense of a black man arouses the Klan's ire. CC						★★ "Along Came a Spider" (2001)	
	USA	Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC		Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Monk CC		House "All In" CC	
	VHI	I Love New York Overnight dates.		I Love New York Meeting mothers.		40 Greatest Internet Superstars				Acceptable TV	Hogan Knows	Best Week Ever	Acceptable TV
SPAN.	TELEM	Daniela	Noti-Telemndo	Dame Chocolate		Marina		Zorro - La Espada y la Rosa		Decisiones		Noti-Telemndo	Boxeo Telemundo
	UNIV	Que Locura	Noticiero Univ	Duelo de Pasiones		La Fea Más Bella (N)		Mundo de Fieras (N)		Casos de la Vida Real		Primer Impacto	Noticiero Univ.
SPORTS	ESPN	SportsCenter (Live) CC			Figure Skating World Championships -- Ladies Short & Dance Free Programs. From Tokyo. (Same-day Tape) CC							SportsCenter (Live) CC	
	ESPN2	NASCAR Race	NASCAR Now	Karate: ISKA	Karate: ISKA	Karate: ISKA	Karate: ISKA	Boxing Friday Night Fights. (Live) CC				Kickboxing ISKA Strike Force. CC	
	CSN	Washington	SportsNite CC	MLB Bloopers: The Funny Side		Baseball-Africa	Washington Post Live			SportsNite CC	NBA Basketball: Wizards at Warriors		
NEWS	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight CC		The Situation Room		Paula Zahn Now CC		Larry King Live CC		Anderson Cooper 360 CC			
	FNC	Special Report (Live) CC		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor (Live) CC		Hannity & Colmes (Live) CC		On the Record-Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor	
	MSNBC	Tucker		Hardball CC		Countdown With Keith Olbermann		MSNBC Reports: To Catch a Predator		The Confessions of a Serial Killer Jeffrey Dahmer.			
MOVIES	AMC	(5:30) ★★ "Conan the Barbarian" (1982) Arnold Schwarzenegger. 'R'				★ "Catwoman" (2004, Action) Halle Berry, Benjamin Bratt. 'PG-13'				★★ "Gothika" (2003, Horror) Halle Berry, Robert Downey Jr. 'R' CC			
	TCM	(:15) ★★★ "Harold and Maude" (1971, Comedy) Bud Cort. 'PG' CC				★★★ "All My Sons" (1948, Drama) Edward G. Robinson. Premiere. 'NR'				★★★ "Run Silent, Run Deep" (1958) Clark Gable. 'NR'			Gunfight at OK
	HBO	Return of the Jedi	★★ "Doctor Dolittle" (1998) Eddie Murphy. 'PG-13' CC			Rome "Death Mask" CC		Rome "A Necessary Fiction" CC		Rome CC		Real Time With Bill Maher CC	
	MAX	★★★ "V for Vendetta" (2006, Action) Natalie Portman. 'R' CC				(:15) ★★ "ATL" (2006) Tip "T.I." Harris. Four Atlanta teens face challenges.				★★★ "Jarhead" (2005, War) Jake Gyllenhaal, Peter Sarsgaard. 'R' CC			
	SHOW	★★ "Into the Blue" (2005, Adventure) Paul Walker, Scott Caan. iTV. 'PG-13'				This Am. Life	This Am. Life	The L Word "Literary License to Kill"		Penn & Teller	Penn & Teller	Debbie Does	Debbie Does
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Sports Weekend

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MIDDLE MAN: Center Roy Hibbert has improved every season at Georgetown and is averaging 12.8 points per game this year.

Center's Stage

7:27 P.M. | CBS
FRIDAY

Hibbert's future has always been bright, but now so is his present

HOYAS HOOPS | Most conversations about Roy Hibbert end with glowing speculation about how good a player he will develop into.

The talk makes sense. Each year, the junior has improved.

After an unspectacular freshman season in which the 7-foot-2 center averaged 5.1 points and 3.5 rebounds a game, Hibbert jumped to 11.6 points and 6.9 boards per contest. Not coincidentally, Georgetown returned to the NCAA tournament and made the Sweet 16.

The progress has only continued this year, with the Georgetown Prep graduate earning All-Big East honors after posting 12.8 points and 6.7 rebounds a game.

Yet the talk remained about the future, even as recently as the Hoyas' victory March 3 over Connecticut that locked up the league's regular season title.

"Roy is just starting to scratch the surface," coach John Thompson III said then. "He continues to improve. He is going to be terrific."

Since that game, Hibbert has outclassed Pittsburgh center Aaron Gray in the Big East tournament championship and has registered consecutive double-doubles in the NCAA tournament while leading the Hoyas to its second straight trip to the regional semifinals.

Now, the present is looking good for Hibbert and Georgetown (28-6).

Next up is No. 6 seed Vanderbilt — a team Georgetown beat 86-70 in November — Friday night in East Rutherford, N.J. Looming ahead is a potential game against No. 1 seed North Carolina in the Elite 8.

There is no bigger reason for the Hoyas' March success than Hibbert, who has literally and figuratively stood tall in the team's most important games of the season.

> "When he is able to man-up down low ... it opens up a lot of different avenues."
>
> **JONATHAN WALLACE**, HOYAS GUARD

Against Boston College, the center shrugged off early foul trouble to control the game in the second half. He finished with 17 points and 12 rebounds in a 62-55 win over the former Big East rival.

"Coach said I needed to be more aggressive down low, whether that's at the end of the shot clock posting up and getting position and trying to score ... or blocking shots or getting rebounds," Hibbert said Saturday. "I tried to take it upon myself to make sure on the defensive end that they were not getting any clean looks at the basket under any circumstances."

That sounds like past talk at Georgetown when players named Ewing, Mourning and Mutombo patrolled the paint.

And just like with those legends, Hibbert's ability to stay out of foul trouble and produce on the floor usually dictates the Hoyas' success.

"When he is able to man-up down low and be forceful with the ball and make things happen in the paint, it opens up a lot of different avenues for other guys," said guard Jonathan Wallace.

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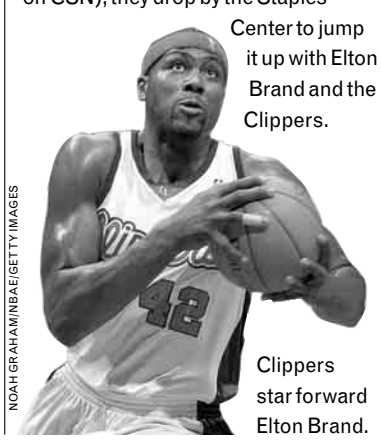
➜ **FANTASTIC FOUR:** After this weekend's men's NCAA tournament, the Final Four will be set. But until then, there is still a lot of basketball to play. The Midwest, featuring Al Horford and the defending champions Florida, and East regions tip off their Sweet 16 games on Friday (7 p.m. through 10 p.m. on CBS). On Saturday (starting at 4:30 p.m. on CBS), the South and West regions determine their conference champions, and, on Sunday (starting at 2:30 p.m. on CBS), the Midwest and East Regions do the same, setting the Final Four.

➜ **O' CANADA:** The Capitals head north of the border on Saturday (7 p.m. on CSN) to drop the puck with the Montreal Canadiens.

➜ **DANCING LATER:** The women's NCAA Sweet 16 kicks off this weekend when games are played on Saturday (starting at noon on ESPN) and Sunday (starting at noon on ESPN).

➜ **CAR OF TODAY:** NASCAR unveils the car of tomorrow at the Food City 500 in Bristol, Tenn., on Sunday (1:30 p.m. on FOX).

➜ **CALIFORNIA DREAMIN':** The Wizards continue their West Coast swing with a back-to-back stop in California. On Friday (10:30 p.m. on CSN), they visit the Golden State Warriors, and on Saturday (10:30 p.m. on CSN), they drop by the Staples Center to jump it up with Elton Brand and the Clippers.



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Clippers star forward Elton Brand.

BASEBALL | **Fire Up the Bills** A grill being sold by Red Sox slugger Manny Ramirez on eBay was taken off the site after bids rose to ridiculous prices, cnnsi.com reported. The grill, which Ramirez claimed to have bought for $4,000, started with a minimum bid of $3,000 on

Tuesday afternoon. But the price had grown to $99,999,999 by about midnight. One of the playful bids was $5,III.II, a reference to the $5I.II million the Red Sox bid for the right to negotiate with star Japanese pitcher Daisuke Matsuzaka. (EXPRESS)

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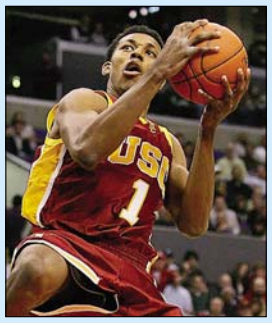

USC, GUARD

Nick Young

A lot of people expected USC to be out of the tournament by now. But none of those people talked to Young, who was on fire last weekend, particularly in the Trojans' upset win over Texas. Young put up a team-high 22 points that game while adding seven boards. That's not completely out of character for Young: He's averaging 17.6 and 4.6 rebounds per game. IAN HERBERT (EXPRESS)

UNLV, GUARD

Kevin Kruger

It's one of the year's great stories. Kruger uses his last year of eligibility — and takes advantage of a one-time transfer opportunity — to play for his dad for the first time in his basketball career. The result? A 30-6 record. A team that's won 11 of its last 12 games. An upset of second seed Wisconsin to get to the Sweet 16. Kruger (13.4 points and 5 assists per game) has been a big reason UNLV — a once great program that was 17-14 and 17-13 in the previous two seasons — is still playing.

VANDERBILT, GUARD

Derrick Byars

Byars' numbers are off the charts. The senior swingman leads his team in points per game (17) and assists per game (3.4), and he's second on the team in rebounds per game (5). The Commodores have ridden their all-around star to a berth in the round of 16 — he put up 39 points, 11 rebounds and seven assists in their first two games. But in a 86-70 loss to Georgetown in November, Byars managed just 14 points and two rebounds.

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FLORIDA, FORWARD

Joakim Noah

Noah isn't the team's leading scorer (his 12.1 points per game are actually fourth on the team), and he isn't the team's leading rebounder — he's second behind Al Horford with 8.2 boards per game. But on a team that's overflowing with stars, Noah always seems to stand out. The New York Times called him possibly "the most relevant and charismatic figure in college basketball since Bill Walton." He likely won't be the No. 1 draft pick this year (he probably would have been last year), but he's one of the major reasons Florida is favored to win its second straight national championship.

NORTH CAROLINA, FORWARD

Tyler Hansbrough

Hansbrough is the highest scorer on the highest-scoring team in the tournament. He is also the leading rebounder on the best-rebounding team in the tournament. Add in an impressive 53.5 percent field goal percentage. He's by no means the only player on this Tar Heels team that has five players averaging more than 9.8 points per game and three players averaging more than 5.5 rebounds per game. But there's no question he's the star.

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- 7 MISSISSIPPI (23-10)

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March 24 and 26

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- CONNECTICUT (31-3) 1
- NC STATE (25-9) 4
- LSU (28-7) 3
- FLORIDA STATE (24-9) 10

Regional Finals

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March 24 and 26

- DUKE (32-1) 1
- RUTGERS (24-8) 4
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North Carolina's Ivory Latta has scored 30 points in two tournament games.

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Coach Tubby Smith won a national championship with the Wildcats in 1998.

Tubby Smith Will Leave Kentucky For Minnesota

NCAA TOURNAMENT | Kentucky's Tubby Smith will be the University of Minnesota's new basketball coach, a Minnesota school official said Thursday.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity because Minnesota had not yet announced the hire. The Gophers fired coach Dan Monson in November.

Smith met with the Kentucky players earlier Thursday, said basketball spokesman Scott Stricklin.

The Wildcats went 22-12 this season and made it to the NCAA tournament, but lost the first weekend. Kentucky hasn't been to the Final Four since 1998, and the program has lost 10 or more games in a season five times under Smith — more than any other coach. (AP)

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Stopping Psycho T

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For Trojans to ride into Elite 8, they must shut down Hansbrough

NCAA TOURNAMENT | Tyler Hansbrough stood out on the wing, swishing 3-pointers, dribbling between his legs and laughing.

Chances are, the guy nicknamed "Psycho T" will look a lot different the next time he steps onto the court.

"Tyler is always going to play an aggressive game of basketball," North Carolina coach Roy Williams said Thursday.

A beast under the bucket, Hansbrough and the top-seeded Tar Heels hope their bulk in the low blocks more than offsets Nick Young and Southern California's 3-point shooting in their East Regional semifinal Friday night.

The fifth-seeded Trojans (25-11) have come a long way. Perennially known as a football school, they set a team record for victories by beating Texas last weekend.

USC will get a chance to build on that success against the Tar Heels (30-6). Stopping Hansbrough will be a key — he totaled 54 points and 19 rebounds in the first two games of the NCAA tournament and spends a lot of time at the foul line. (AP)

DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

Tyler Hansbrough wrestles one of his nine rebounds away from Michigan State's Travis Walton in UNC's 81-67 victory over the Spartans to advance to the Sweet 16.

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NATIONALS | BY MATT SWENSON

Where Have All The Fans Gone?

HEAR THAT? LISTEN CLOSELY.

Aside from the sneezing and coughing on the petri dish we lovingly call the Metro, there's silence when people should be talking about the Nationals — like they talk about the Red Sox on the T, and Yankees and Mets on the subway.

Opening day is just 10 days away, but you wouldn't know it looking around the nation's capital.

Instead of excitement for a new season, there is a sense of impending doom that would make any Bostonian proud.

The fear is not like the hysteria over losing the team like there was two years ago, but rather how the Nats will perform this season.

Perhaps Washington is heading to a historically bad season on the field, but so what? The Nats haven't lost — or even played — their first game, so there should be some hope. Right?

Four years ago, we begrudgingly had the Orioles. Now the juice for having a hometown team has disappeared as fast as Mark McGwire's Hall of Fame chances.

The Nationals can afford a wicked bad record if Stan Kasten's long-term plan works out. But the franchise would be dealt a severe blow to its morale and, more importantly, its pocketbook if the attendance reflects the current apathy.

> Instead of excitement for a new season, there is a sense of impending doom.

There is just over a week to turn this around. A franchise first awaits: Opening Day is at RFK this season.

D.C. baseball is too new for us to already be over it. Let's act like a baseball city and pretend there's a chance to beat the Marlins.

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GW's twins from D.C. prove to be double trouble for opponents

COLONIALS WOMEN'S HOOPS | Playing 1-on-1 with a mirror may get a little frustrating, especially when that mirror has a solid post game and is tough on the boards.

But the scenario is different when George Washington twin towers Jessica and Jazmine Adair trade in their practice jerseys for game uniforms and start frustrating opponents.

The sisters know what Boise State and Texas A&M couldn't figure out in the first two rounds of the NCAA tournament: How to stop each other.

"Sometimes our moves are expected, and we'll have to work on new moves and surprise each other in practice," said Jessica Adair, the Colonials' 6-foot-4 starting center.

Jessica Adair's 15 points and career-best 21 rebounds helped the fifth-seeded Colonials (28-3) beat Boise State in the first round. But when she went to the bench in foul trouble against Texas A&M, Jazmine Adair stepped in with eight points off the bench to help GW to a 59-47 win and the school's first Sweet 16 trip since 1997.

Their reward? A trip to Dallas for a Sunday date with top-seeded North Carolina (32-3).

The sophomores have improved since coming to Foggy Bottom last year after memorable high school careers at Anacostia, where they won four DCIAA Eastern Division titles.

Jessica is tied for the team lead in scoring at 13.1 points per game. The Atlantic-10 First Team All-Conference performer also leads the team in shooting percentage (.536), rebounds per game (7.8) and blocks (52).

Jazmine, an A-10 All-Rookie Team selection last season, is averaging five points and four rebounds in 15 minutes a game this season.

The Colonials — which went only seven players deep in the second round — will need all those boards and probably more against the tough Tar Heels. ERIC BRANDNER

RICKY CARIOTI / TWP

TWIN TOWERS: Together, Jazmine, front left, and Jessica Adair, front right, average nearly 12 rebounds per game for the Colonials.

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LSU V Florida State, 11:30 P.M.

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With Opening Day just over a week away, big-league rosters are finally starting to take shape. That means it's time to prove you have what it takes to compile the best team possible — even if you have to cheer for Alex Rodriguez. Sadly, not every pick is going to be a home run (not everyone is A-Rod, after all), but Express picked the brain of "Baseball Prospectus" editor Christina Kahrl to come up with this list of strategies. What are you waiting for? Draft day is here. MATT SWENSON (EXPRESS)

JOE MAUER, C, Twins. "He's the real deal," Kahrl says. As if there were any doubt about a catcher who hit .347 with 84 RBI last year.

DONTRELLE WILLIS, SP, Marlins. An improved outfield, defensively, should only help his already impressive stats.

MANNY RAMIREZ, OF, Red Sox. Manny being Manny means 35-plus homers and 120 RBIs for your fantasy baseball team.

MICHAEL YOUNG, SS, Rangers. He might be the best at his position in the American League (sorry Derek Jeter fans).

ERIK BEDARD, SP, Orioles. The lefty had 15 wins on an awful team last year. The O's can't be worse this year, can they?

DAVID BUSH, SP, Brewers. Want a sleeper? His strike-outs to walks ratio is better than almost any pitcher you've heard of — including Chris Carpenter, Roy Halladay and Brandon Webb.

ALEX GORDON, 3B, Royals. He is considered the best prospect in baseball, for whatever that's worth.

JOEL RICHARDSON/TWP

Ryan Zimmerman is a good bet, but Chad Cordero, top, and other Nats may not cut it.

3 Don't Become A Homer

Sure, you want to pick players you will cheer for, but the hometown Nationals have minimal fantasy options. Kahrl said the Nats may approach "historic territory" with their number of losses, which doesn't bode well for closer Chad Cordero. And who knows about the oft-injured John Patterson? There is Ryan Zimmerman, who should continue to progress as the team's franchise player. "His upside is tremendous," Kahrl said.

GARY MATTHEWS JR., OF, Angels. He was overvalued to begin with, and players surrounded in such controversy are usually either great or awful. Don't risk it.

GARY SHEFFIELD, OF, Tigers. His propensity for injuries makes him not worth your headache.

CARLOS ZAMBRANO, P, Cubs. "He might get burned out early," Kahrl warned.

KEN GRIFFEY JR., OF, Reds. Fool me once, shame on you, Fool me twice, three times, four times, etc., shame on me.

CHAD CORDERO, RP, Nationals. This is just sad, but he likely won't have enough save chances to make him a high-value producer.

LIVAN HERNANDEZ, SP, Diamondbacks. Age is catching up with this workhorse.

SAMMY SOSA, OF, Rangers. Feel-good story or not, the guy sure looked done in Baltimore.

MIKE TIMLIN, RP, Red Sox. Jonathan Papelbon's return to closer eliminates all of the veteran reliever's value.

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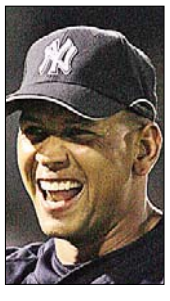

Alex Rodriguez may be tempting, but Albert Pujols, top, is baseball's best hitter.

1 Cardinal Rule

So, you have the first pick in the draft. Every big-leaguer is at your fingertips. Where to start? The Yankees' Rodriguez had 35 homers and 121 RBIs in a down year. But there is Minnesota fireballer Johan Santana, the American League's Cy Young winner two of the past three years. Talk about a tough decision, right? Not really, Kahrl said. Your list should begin and end with St. Louis slugger Albert Pujols, who is "the best hitter in baseball," Kahrl said.

2 Age of Innocence

Until proven guilty, Barry Bonds, Gary Sheffield and even Sammy Sosa — who is resurrecting his dormant career in Texas — are free to go about their business at the plate. One admitted steroid user, Yankee Jason Giambi, found some magical juice last year to regain the same form he had in Oakland. Of this group, Bonds makes the safest bet come draft day — though home run No. 756 counts the same as any long ball in fantasy sports. "Bonds will be perfectly fine," Kahrl said. "He's not done."

TONY GUTIERREZ/AP

Gary Sheffield, top, and Barry Bonds, right, are still under the steroid cloud.

4 Chicago Hope

Many experts say you can't run a real baseball team like a fantasy one. Someone forgot to tell the Cubs, who went with a Dan Snyder-esque approach this offseason. The prize catch, of course, was National-for-a-year Alfonso Soriano, who will patrol center field at Wrigley. As D.C. fans know, the All-Star joined the 40-40 club playing in pitcher-friendly RFK Stadium. "He'll be playing in an overall better lineup," noted Kahrl, who worries Soriano may still see so many intentional walks that his production may slip.

Can Soriano build off of last year's historic season?

5 Role the Dice?

There's no bigger question mark in all of baseball than new Red Sox pitcher Daisuke Matsuzaka, better known as Dice-K in Boston. While much has been made of the $100 million the Red Sox paid to get him, Kahrl said it was a bargain for what Boston received. "You are talking about the best pitcher on the free-agent market," she said, adding that Prospectus has a formula that translates overseas success to the majors.

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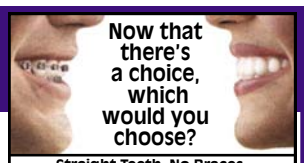

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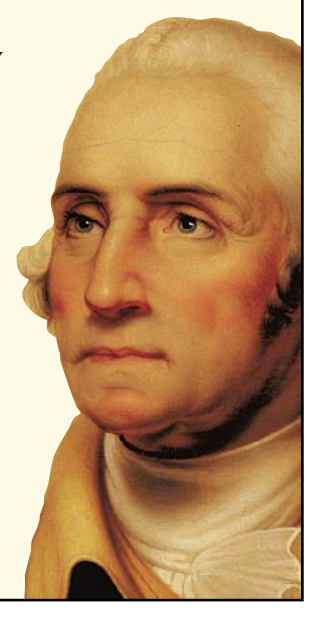

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DeShawn Stevenson, right, has proven to be one of the Wizards' decent defenders.

The early frustrations on Washington's West Coast road trip — which continues on Friday night at Golden State — are fueled in no small part by the absence of Eastern Conference All-Star forward Caron Butler, who stayed home to rest his ailing knee and won't play until March 28 against Philadelphia at the earliest.

Washington is 4-9 without Butler in the lineup during his tenure with the team and the Wizards (37-29) enter the weekend hanging on to first place in the Southeast Division over Miami.

While Butler averages 19.1 points, his presence is also missing on the defensive side, where Washington is relying on multiple role players to replace his 2.1 steals and 7.5 rebounds per game.

It's certainly arguable that Washington doesn't have the personnel to play the kind of defense Jordan wishes. DeShawn Stevenson has proved to be a solid defensive stopper in the backcourt, but tweener forward Antawn Jamison is a scorer who can get caught in matchup problems with super-sized power forwards.

With their lack of defense, the Wizards are the fifth-worst in the league in field goal defense and fourth-worst in three-point defense.

Of course, on nights when Arenas scores 42 and hits a game-winner — like in Wednesday's win — it doesn't much matter. Doing it against grind-it-out teams like Detroit or Cleveland in the playoffs, however, will be a different kind of challenge. ERIC BRANDNER

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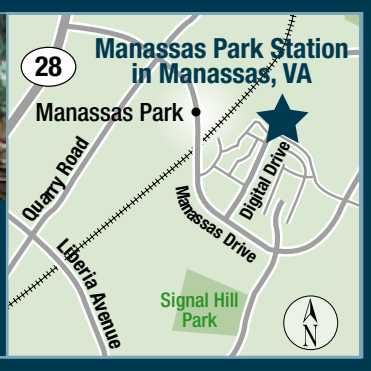

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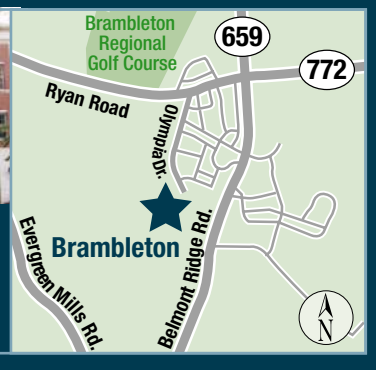

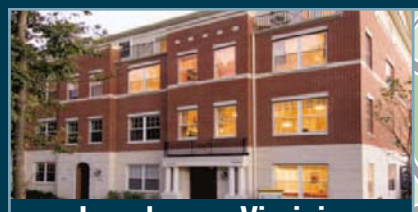

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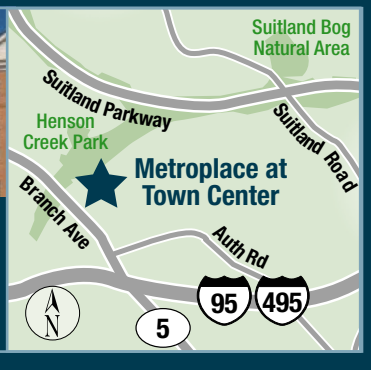

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Archuleta Ready For a Fresh Start

Safety who hit rock bottom with Redskins officially joins Bears

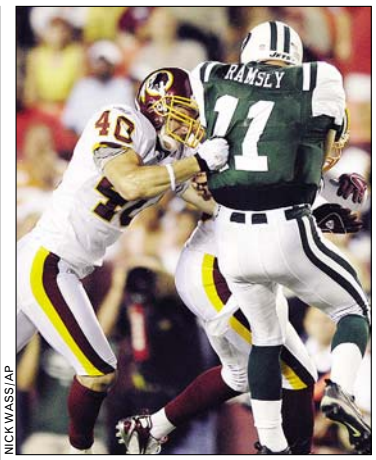
REDSKINS | Adam Archuleta sounded relieved to be joining the Chicago Bears after hitting "rock bottom" and getting "blindsided" during a stormy season with the Washington Redskins.

The teams agreed Tuesday on a deal that sends the strong safety to the NFC champions for a sixth-round draft pick.

"Last year was pretty much a life-altering experience for me," Archuleta said Thursday during a conference call with reporters. "In a certain sense, I hit rock bottom.

The Redskins lured Archuleta from St. Louis a year ago with a seven-year, $35 million contract that included $10 million in bonuses — the richest deal ever given to a safety. With the Bears, Archuleta has an $8.1 million deal over three years, including a $5 million bonus, according to several newspaper reports.

After signing that big contract, Archuleta never fit with the Redskins who also released wide receiver David Patten on Thursday.



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Safety Adam Archuleta said he "hit rock bottom" during his year in Washington.

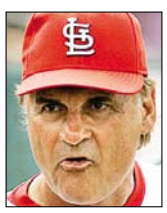
Assistant coach Gregg Williams tried to use Archuleta more as a coverage safety, which wasn't a good fit for the converted linebacker. Archuleta lost the starting job in the preseason and struggled all season. He was vulnerable against long passes, and wound up being used only on special teams for most of the second half of the season, in which the Redskins finished just 5-11. (AP)

Cards' La Russa Arrested for DUI

MLB | St. Louis Cardinals manager Tony La Russa was arrested Thursday on a drunken driving charge after police said they found him asleep inside his running sport utility vehicle at a stop light.

La Russa gave two breath samples and had a blood alcohol content of 0.093 percent, Jupiter police said in a statement. Florida's legal driving limit is 0.08 percent.

"Last night's situation is the opposite of feeling good," La Russa said. "It was an embarrassment, so I apologize to anyone who is close to me, members of the Cardinals organization, our fans. I regret it, and take responsibility for my actions."



La Russa

La Russa led the Cardinals to the World Series championship last season. (AP)

Red Sox Send Papelbon Back to Pen

MLB | Jonathan Papelbon's conversion from closer to starter didn't last long.

Papelbon is heading back to Boston's bullpen to fill a major void, though he isn't doing it because an injury to Mike Timlin left the Red Sox without a closer.

Papelbon is coming off a sensational rookie season in which he had 35 saves and an 0.92 ERA. He was slated to be part of a strong starting rotation, but the Red Sox need a reliable closer, and Papelbon told manager Terry Francona that he missed closing games. (AP)

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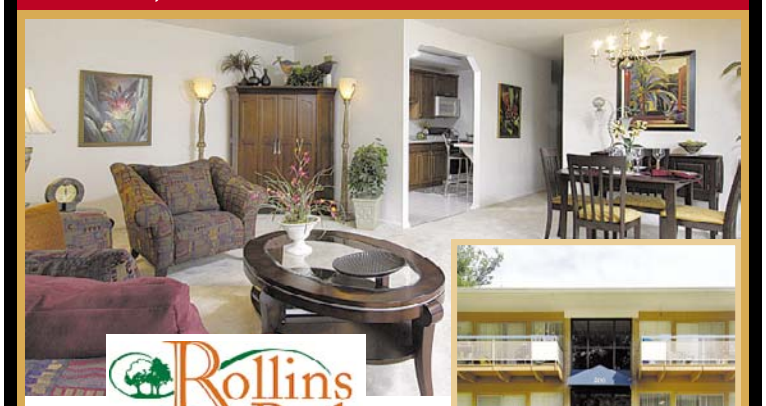

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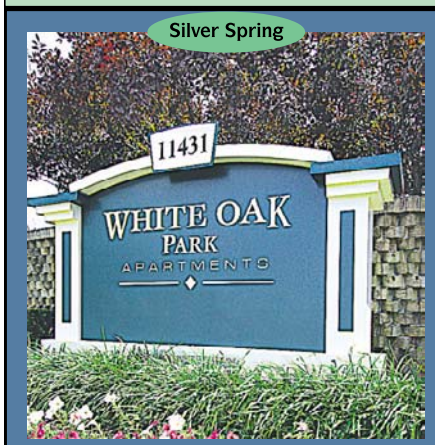

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COMPUTERIZED CHANCE: PureDepth CEO Fred Angelopoulos demonstrates a 3-D image of a new, digital slot machine.

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Gambling

Realistic digital video displays change the face of slot machines

Engineers at PureDepth Inc. spent years developing tools for helping the military plot 3-D maps of war zones, eventually licensing top-secret technology to the U.S. Air Force and Navy.

But the Silicon Valley startup hit the jackpot in October when it inked a deal with International Game Technology Inc., the world's largest maker of slot machines.

Industry experts say a realistic digital video display is the final hurdle that will completely digitize one-armed bandits. The new displays by PureDepth and others — set to debut later this year — could profoundly change the $85 billion U.S. gambling industry and how it's regulated.

When high-tech slots are in place, programmers will be able to control nearly every aspect of the game — cost, payout, even the images that line up on the payline. Casino operators will be able to make changes in real time through back-end servers that talk to computer chips inside the slot machines.

If the Beach Boys are playing the Luxor in Las Vegas, next-generation slots could display images of band members instead of cherries, numbers or other symbols. If band members' faces line up, an embedded printer could spit out front-row tickets.

Or suppose the penny slots area at a tribal casino empties out around 7 p.m., when big spenders arrive. With a few keystrokes, programmers could change the minimum bet to $1 and offer a progressive jackpot with all slots in the house — or even with thousands of machines statewide.

"If the NASCAR folks are coming to Vegas, they could change the fruits to cars," said Fred Angelopoulos, CEO of Redwood Shores-based PureDepth, founded in 1999.

Roughly half the 835,000 slot machines nationwide have video displays and many are networked, but industry officials acknowledge that most are flops, lacking the visceral "clunk-clunk-clunk" of wheels hitting the payline.

Video slots with an authentic feel are the holy grail for manufacturers.

PureDepth searched for a mechanical alternative to the traditional optical tricks for fooling the eyes and brain into seeing depth. Such tricks — fancy versions of 3-D glasses — induced nausea and headaches and were rejected by casino operators, who stuck with mechanical reels or flat video displays with no depth.

One thing that's unlikely to change in the new era of digital slots: the slim odds of winning big.

"Let's be honest: Everything about a casino design is meant to play on the player's psychology," said Jeffrey Allen, director of business development for Las Vegas-based Bally Technologies Inc., another top slot machine maker. "Why else would there be no clocks and comfortable chairs and subdued lights?"

> "I still miss pulling that old lever, and I miss that big tub of money that would fill up with coins when you hit the jackpot."
>
> **MARGARET SPENCE**, GAMBLER

Earlier this month at Cache Creek Casino in Brooks, Margaret Spence criticized the present version of video slots.

"I still miss pulling that old lever, and I miss that big tub of money that would fill up with coins when you hit the jackpot," said Spence, 71, a Concord resident who currently favors $1 "Blazing 7s" machines. "The video machines seem like a waste of time — like a video game."

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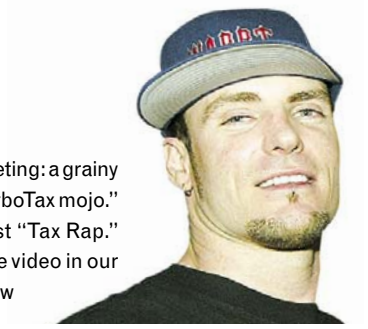

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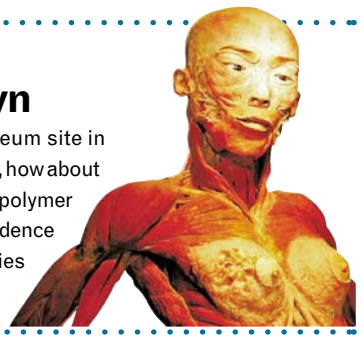
If you're out and about Saturday morning, look out for the Wirefly National Marathon, which will be snaking its way through D.C. You'd be wise to use Metrorail, but expect delays. Metro is warning that 37 bus routes will be detoured. Find out how to avoid the mess above and below ground. | ONLINE NOW



FREE RIDE

Hard Bodies in Rosslyn

Have you ever wondered if the old Newseum site in Rosslyn would ever see some new life? Well, how about a little death? Starting April 14, a number of polymer preserved bodies will take up temporary residence as part of the super-popular traveling Bodies exhibition. Learn more. | COMING UP

comment board

"Gore is either a very good lying con artist or a total idiot. His global warming scam argument has more flaws in it than Bush's WMD in Iraq argument. Gore is using scare tactics and selectively picking stats that support his story."

COMMENTER MK, RESPONDING TO THURSDAY'S POLL CENTER QUESTION, "WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE AL GORE RUN FOR PRESIDENT AGAIN?"

"Although it might be satisfying to take the office he rightfully deserves back from the Shrub, in the end, Gore is a respected authority on a major issue, and Bush is a global joke. I'd say the scales have balanced."

COMMENTER MARTIN THINKS AL GORE IS BETTER OFF CAMPAIGNING AGAINST GLOBAL WARMING THAN FOR THE WHITE HOUSE.

poll center

TODAY'S QUESTION

Should there be laws limiting access to online porn?

1. Yes
2. No

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Would you like to see Al Gore run for president again?

AS OF 5 P.M. THURSDAY. NOT A SCIENTIFIC POLL.

NO	YES
68%	32%

SEE HOW YOUR METRO STATION VOTED AT **READEXPRESS.COM/POLLCENTER.PHP**

Blog LOG

"... [W]e are heading into Watergate territory at this point. ... [T]his could push George W. Bush closer and closer to Herbert Hoover status ..."

MYDD.COM SAYS THAT WITH A LEGAL SHOWDOWN BETWEEN CONGRESS AND THE WHITE HOUSE LOOMING OVER SUBPOENAS IN THE FIRED U.S. ATTORNEYS PROBE, THINGS ARE GETTING UGLIER.

LENSPODEN/FTWP

"Does anyone else walk through the prepared foods section of the Fairfax Whole Foods and start hallucinating Elysian fields?"

CHARLOTTEHARRIS.WORDPRESS.COM SAYS THAT WITH THE FLAGSHIP STORE'S MAGNIFICENT PREPARED FOODS SECTION, "I DON'T 'HAVE TO' COOK, EVER."

"**NOW THAT** the Democratic leadership has gone on record as wanting to limit options for victory in Iraq, Nancy Pelosi and company find that these new representatives will not play along with them."

CAPTAINSQUARTERSBLOG.COM PREDICTS THAT BLUE DOG DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATS FROM CENTER-RIGHT DISTRICTS ARE GOING TO HAVE A HARD TIME SUPPORTING THE PARTY'S POSITION ON IRAQ.

"**GO FIGURE.** Not only does he come out looking like father of the year, but he also is getting away with $20 million plus!"

DLISTED.COM DECLARES THAT KEVIN FEDERLINE IS WINNING THE PUBLIC RELATIONS BATTLE WITH ESTRANGED WIFE BRITNEY SPEARS, WHO RECENTLY LEFT REHAB.

"**I SAW A PINK CAB** today. ... [A] darker, somewhat less girlish pink. But pink nonetheless. And yes, a male driver. I loved it! Men — stand up for your right to drive pink!"

DCCABRIDER.BLOGSPOT.COM SPOTTED A PINK TAXI CAB DRIVING AROUND TOWN AND SINGS ITS PRAISES.

Live Online

Pet Food Scare

DR. LISA MOSES, veterinarian for Emergency and Critical Care section of the Angell Memorial Animal Medical Center in Boston, was online Thursday to address the pet food recall.

Is there any sort of geographic breakdown as to the deaths of any of the pets? Also, which seem to be affected more — dogs or cats?

There doesn't yet seem to be a geographical pattern to the affected animals, probably because the brands are so numerous and widely distributed. Cats appear to be much more commonly affected than dogs, but there are some reports of dog cases.

Would you recommend that pet owners stop feeding their pets dry food from the recalled brands? If investigators can't identify the problem how can they be sure it's not in dry food as well?

From what we are seeing and what we know about the manufacturing process for the affected foods, we don't see any reason to worry if your animal only eats dry food.

How soon could I expect to see symptoms of kidney failure after my dog ate this food? Or when can I assume I am in the clear that my dog did not eat from a contaminated batch?

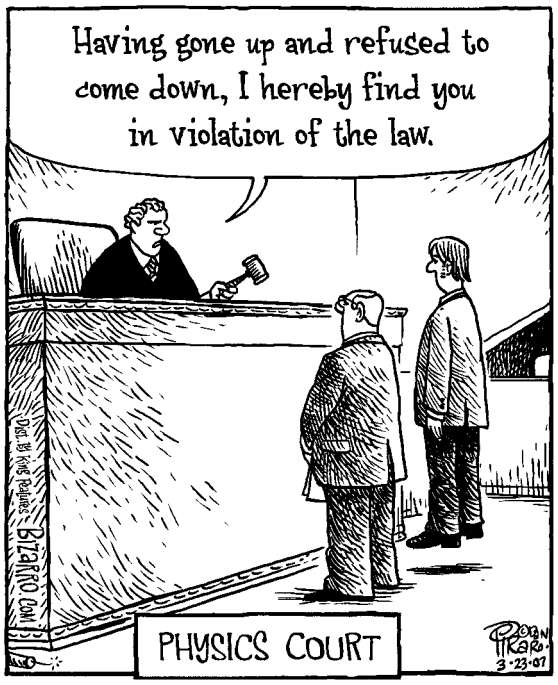
This is a really tough question to answer since we don't yet know what the toxin is, only that it directly damages the kidneys. One pet food company believes that the signs are being seen within 24 hours of eating the food, but veterinarians' experiences suggest that it may be longer. My best recommendation is to see your vet if your dog is showing any signs of illness.

TODAY ON LIVE ONLINE: Post film critic Desson Thomson discusses the latest movie offerings, both Hollywood and indie, at 12:30 p.m. | **washingtonpost.com/liveonline**

DO | **READ NEWSPAPERS.** The Library of Congress and the National Endowment of the Humanities have partnered to create an online database (www.loc.gov/chroniclingamerica) of historic newspapers from six states, including Virginia and D.C. The first set of available papers date from 1900-1910.

Look out

Bizarro | *Dan Piraro*

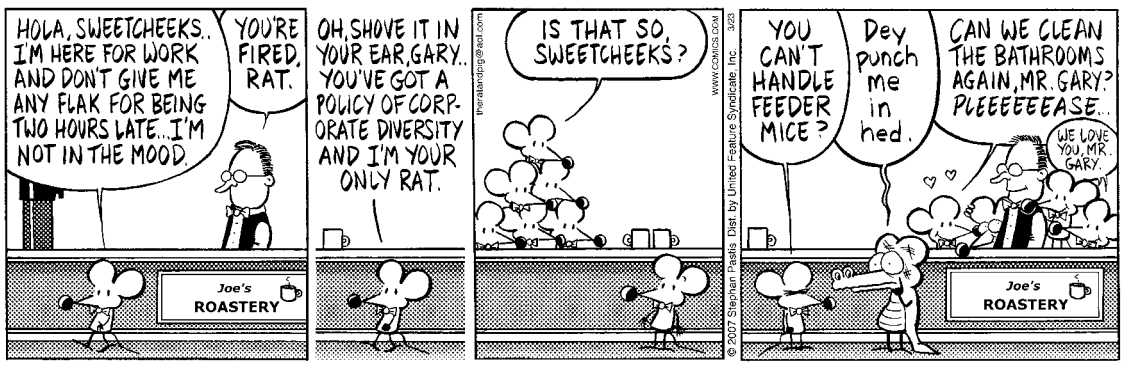


Cornered | *Mike Baldwin*

"I had a really good time. I'm surprised – I'm not usually into head-games."

Pooch Cafe | *Paul Gilligan*

Pearls Before Swine | *Stephan Pastis*



The Duplex | *Glenn McCoy*

Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Say no if you must, but realize that, by turning down certain offers, you're going to be passing up the kind of thing you've been looking forward to.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You're getting a great deal of support and praise at this time, but you may still feel as though you're not getting things right.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You may uncover some answers that keep you from moving forward at your preferred pace. Things may be more dangerous than expected.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) The best option is not likely to present itself right away, but some investigation on your part should point the way to you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You'll enjoy an unexpected reward before the day is out, thanks to something you did some time ago that you forgot about almost immediately.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) It's a good day to maintain a calm, rational and realistic approach to even the most unusual of situations. Others around you may well panic.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Someone you know well may actually be fighting to prevent you from doing what you want to do — but he or she may well have a good reason for it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You may discover a current project is not going exactly as planned, and you can do much to pick up the pace and improve your chances for success.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) What are you going to do about the constant reminder in your life that you made a certain key mistake a while ago? It is time to move on.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You may be surprised to learn that your activities are the focus of a great deal of attention. What makes you so interesting right now?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You're going to have to consider all the risks before taking action that might be considered extreme by some of your critics.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You're surely going to want to explore both sides of an unpopular issue before making a decision one way or the other. Be objective.

Letters

Action Needed on Warming

I WAS DISTURBED by the hostility former Vice President Al Gore received from some of the lawmakers on Capitol Hill Wednesday ("Gore Touts Global Warming Policies," March 22). Neglecting to act — a passive-aggressive approach —is akin to aggressively promoting policies for increasing the threat of global warming because, in the end, the consequences are the same.

—MARK A. LEDBETTER
Severn, Md.

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Today in History

1775 Patrick Henry makes his famous call for American independence from Britain, telling the Virginia Provincial Convention, "Give me liberty, or give me death!"

1806 Explorers Lewis and Clark, having reached the Pacific coast, begin their journey back east.

1933 The German Reichstag adopts the Enabling Act, which effectively granted Adolf Hitler dictatorial legislative powers.

1996 Taiwan holds its first direct presidential elections; incumbent Lee Teng-hui is the victor.

2001 Russia's orbiting Mir space station ends its 15-year odyssey with a fiery plunge into the South Pacific.

AP PHOTO

The Mir space station returns to Earth, landing in the Pacific today in 2001.

Look out | People

NOAH BERGER/AP

Terry's "revenge face" is way scary.

MONEY

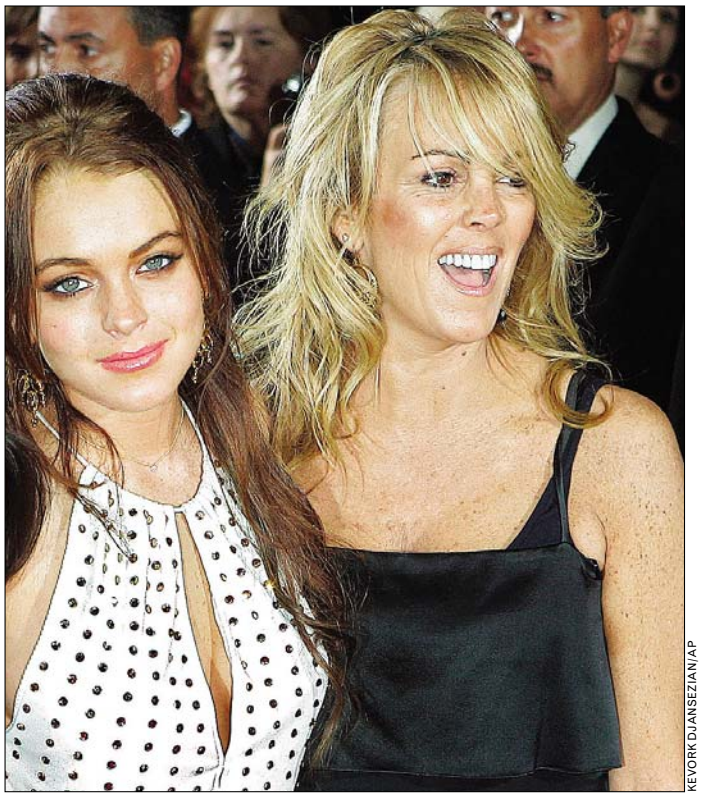
Heather Mills Finds This News Tidbit Fascinating

TERRY MCMILLAN is suing her former husband for $40 million, alleging that he tried to smear her reputation during their divorce. McMillan, 55, filed the complaint Wednesday in Superior Court against Jonathan Plummer, 32, who inspired her novel, "How Stella Got Her Groove Back." (AP)

ANSWERS

Anna Nicole's Autopsy Results to Be Revealed

Six weeks after her death, **ANNA NICOLE SMITH**'s autopsy report will be released Monday, authorities said Thursday. There will be a joint news conference to discuss the cause of death. (AP)



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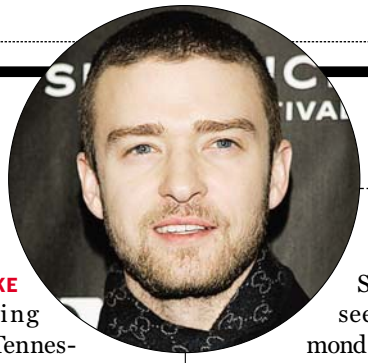
WHAT SHE'S NOT

Party Mom!!!!

DINA LOHAN says her daughter Lindsay isn't an alcoholic and that people are wrong to assume that she's a club-hopping "party mom." "Listen to me: Lindsay would drag me, literally drag my loser butt [to a club] and say, 'I need you to know who these people are,'" Lohan, 44, told Harper's Bazaar. "Yeah, she trusts my judgment. She's in such a whirlwind; she's in a tornado." (AP)

HONORS

J.T. Deemed 'Too Scrawny' To Be Named State Bird

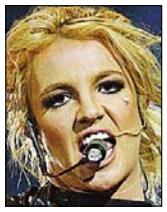


J.T. writes Tennessee out of his will.

JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE won't be bringing sexy back to the Tennessee Legislature. Tennessee State Sen. Ophelia Ford had introduced the resolution to honor Timberlake, a Tennessee native, "for his highly successful music career and for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee." But Sen. Raymond Finney, removed it from a list of resolutions that is expected to get unanimous support in the Senate. "It's not something I want my name on," Finney said. (AP)

LEAKS

U.S. Government Would Collapse With These Laws



Lawyers for **BRITNEY SPEARS** won a British court injunction Thursday designed to prevent publication of stories about her stay in rehab. The injunction bars those leaking information about Spears' time at Promises from further disclosures." (AP)

WE'LL KEEP SAYING IT

Car Service, Car Service, Car Service

Vivica A. Fox failed a field sobriety test on Tuesday.

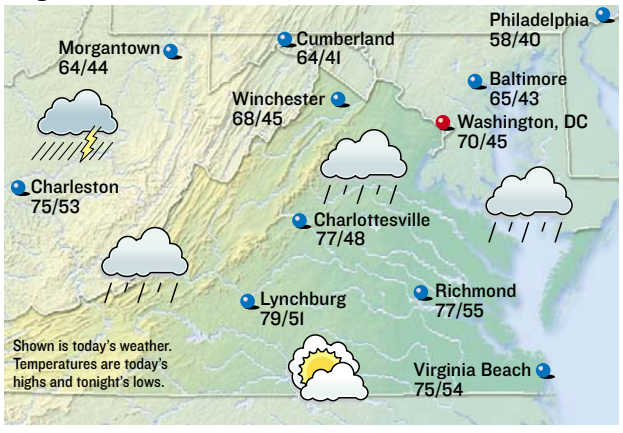
VIVICA A. FOX was released from jail early Wednesday after she was arrested for investigation of driving under the influence, police said. The 42-year-old actress was pulled over late Tuesday after her vehicle passed a patrol car on the Hollywood Freeway at 80 mph. Fox was arrested after failing a field sobriety test. Breathalyzer tests also indicated her blood-alcohol level was greater than .08 percent, according to police. (AP)

ETHAN MILLER/GETTY IMAGES

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Mostly cloudy, a shower	Cloudy, a shower	Partly sunny, a shower, cooler	Chance of a little morning rain	Partly sunny	Mostly cloudy, t-storms possible
70°	45°	54° / 47°	66° / 44°	63° / 41°	55° / 43°

Regional Weather



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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Thur.

Temperature

High	73°
Low	43°
Normal high	58°
Normal low	39°
Average humidity	59%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	Trace
Month to date	3.15"
Normal month to date	2.60"
Year to date	7.83"
Last year to date	5.75"
Normal year to date	8.44"

For up-to-the-minute weather, see: **washingtonpost.com/weather**

Regional Forecast

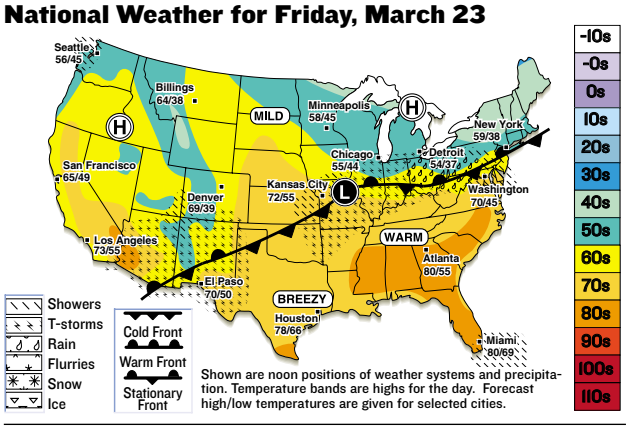
D.C. Metro: Today, mostly cloudy, a shower. High 70. Wind south 4-8 mph. Tonight, Cloudy, a shower. Low 45. Wind north-northeast 6-12 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	7:08 a.m.
Sunset tonight	7:23 p.m.
Moonrise today	9:40 a.m.
Moonset today	12:17 a.m.

First	Full	Last	New
Mar 25	Apr 2	Apr 10	Apr 17

National Weather for Friday, March 23



National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	80/55/s	83/57/s
Boston	57/34/pc	50/35/pc
Chicago	55/44/r	62/44/c
Dallas	76/61/c	76/62/pc
Denver	69/39/pc	54/37/sh
Honolulu	83/70/s	84/72/s
Los Angeles	73/55/s	70/55/pc
Miami	80/69/pc	83/69/s
New York City	59/38/pc	54/38/r
Orlando	82/61/s	82/61/s
Seattle	56/45/r	54/42/r

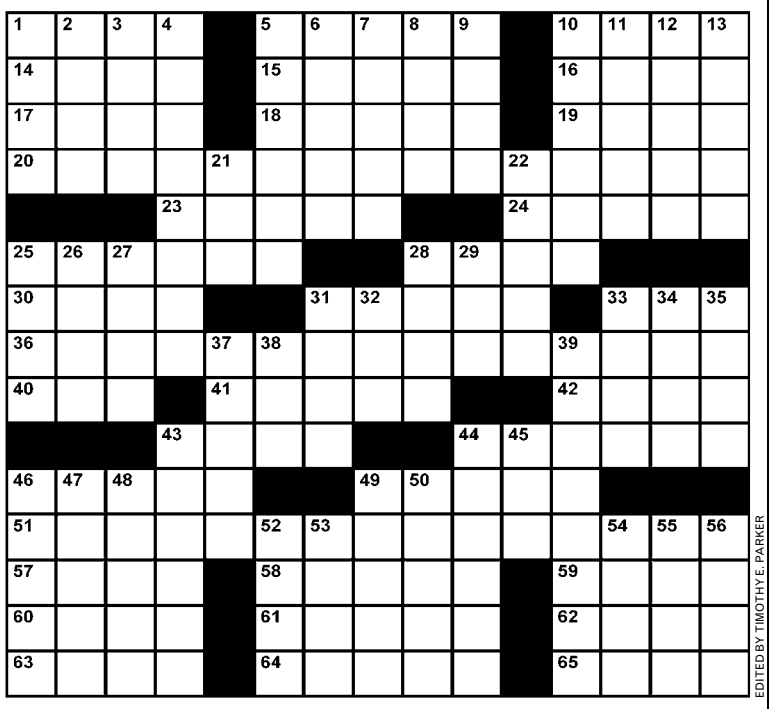
World Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Amsterdam	46/39/sh	46/41/sh
Athens	59/45/r	61/45/s
Berlin	46/39/c	50/37/s
Buenos Aires	75/55/sh	77/55/s
Calgary	57/35/pc	57/38/c
Dublin	52/39/pc	50/39/pc
Geneva	41/32/r	40/34/sh
Moscow	55/32/s	40/21/pc
Rome	54/39/pc	54/41/pc
Sydney	83/67/pc	77/61/t
Tokyo	59/46/pc	61/56/sh

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

Look out

Improving Steadily



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ACROSS
1 Booted, e.g.
5 Old-fashioned tie
10 Lux. neighbor
14 Homeroom response
15 Picked out
16 State forcefully
17 Lot measurement
18 What trains travel on
19 Home video format, once
20 Lowlifes
23 Foundation for something
24 Ancient fable spinner
25 Light measures
28 Ave. relative
30 Opera solo
31 Site for some rites
33 Chapter in history
36 Inventor's goal
40 Remained unused
41 "The Rose" penner
42 Opening bet, in poker
43 Symphonic silence symbol
44 Disturbing sounds
46 Prefix meaning "bone"
49 Changdeok Palace site
51 Lucille Ball musical of '43
57 ___-TASS (Russian news agency)
58 Holiday numbers
59 "That makes sense"
60 Edible tuber of Polynesia
61 Bones once called cubiti
62 A tide
63 Flat sound
64 Personal histories
65 Like some basements

DOWN
1 Carpet type
2 "My ___!"
3 Snack since 1912
4 Freeloader
5 Unlike this clue
6 The voice of Lamb Chop
7 They have heads and tails
8 Artist Edvard Munch's home
9 Kind of pattern
10 Mollycoddled
11 Becomes equal (with "out")
12 Can
13 Perceive
21 Athletic supporter
22 Le ___, France
25 Castle basements, in some films
26 Fertilizer chemical
27 Burn protection
28 Heating measures
29 Start of some Spanish place names
31 Bit of Latin conjugation
32 Place to pick lemons?
33 Fish-eating shore birds
34 Ad sales rep's quote
35 Anthropoids
37 ___ newt (witch's ingredient)
38 Legal matter
39 It may help move aircraft
43 Backup rockets?
44 Cattle snares
45 Possession indication
46 Last writes?
47 Words with "an example" or "a goal"
48 1917 marked their end
49 Antique guns
50 Black key
52 "Movin' ___" ("The Jeffersons" theme)
53 "Return of the Jedi" character
54 Under sail
55 Stationery order, perhaps
56 Gilbert Grape portrayer Johnny

Yesterday's Solution

A	M	F	M		A	T	T	Y	S		R	E	B	S
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Su|do|ku

Degree of Difficulty: HARD

Fill in the boxes so each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see www.sudoku.com

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Yesterday's Solution

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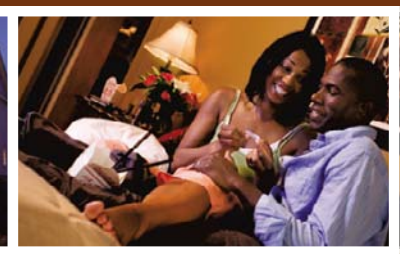

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face Q+A time

Wherever Mira Nair sends her audience, the celebrated director always manages to make it feel like home. In "The Namesake," she flits between America and India to tell the story of Gogol Ganguli, a boy born in New York who must navigate the gap between his country and that of his immigrant Indian parents. It's a bridge she knows well, having made the same trek countless times.

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Mira Nair

DIRECTOR, 'THE NAMESAKE'

Your experience wasn't so far off from Gogol's parents' coming to the States, right?

I came to America when I was 18. I had never left the country. I remember seeing snow for the first time was a complete revelation — the deafening stillness of the snowstorm. The idea of people living for themselves instead of living for others was new to me.

Classmates casually talked about hating their parents. I had never heard anyone talk like that. My nieces and nephews all have cell phones, but back then, phones were rare. I never went home for two years. I worked 20 hours a week as a dishwasher, a housecleaner for bachelors, a bartender and an AV projectionist to make the money for airfare. But I was much less culture shocked by being at Harvard than the other students. For me, it was in "Love Story." That's why I applied.

You have homes in New York, India and Uganda. How do you ever feel like you belong?

The point is to create real homes and never feel like you're in transit. I do an hour of yoga in the morning. It's something I always do. And my homes are active, living places with flowers on the table and clothes in the closet. That way, jet lag is the only thing one copes with.

I hear your house in Uganda is spectacular.

It's an amazing place overlooking Lake Victoria. The equator crosses through it, so it rains there every day for half an hour, but there are blue skies before and after. There are palm trees, birds of paradise, bananas, active orchards. Our goal is to grow all of our own food. We have mango trees, grafted guavas, pomegranates, watermelon and corn. We also have monkeys that we have to shoo away. At the bottom of the property, we have these trees that will grow ancient. You plant not just for yourself, but for your garden. You may never see the trees grow, but your grandchildren will.

This movie is so much about Gogol's struggle to understand his cultural identity. How do you instill a cultural identity in your son?

We speak Hindustani at home, so our son is fluent. He easily traverses his reality. He loves the simplicity of life in Kampala versus the technological life of Manhattan. He's been denied a PlayStation all of his life.

> "My homes are active, living places. That way, jet lag is the only thing one copes with."

What's your wardrobe like?

I am a worshipper of handmade. I only wear Indian clothes — we have amazing designers. We have such a refined textile tradition. Color is important and texture is important to me. Today, I'm not feeling well, so this outfit makes me feel comforted. VICKY HALLETT (EXPRESS)

IN THE POST TODAY

Character Witnesses

Locals reveal the places and events that define quintessential Washington, in the Weekend section.

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1 Fire in the Bowl

SZECHUAN PEPPERCORNS were banned from U.S. tables in the 1960s when the Feds feared they carried a pesky citrus canker. Now legal again, the slightly lemony balls ($14 a jar, williams-sonoma.com) — which are really seeds of the prickly ash tree — work in spicy dishes and as fare to dare your timid co-workers to eat.

4 Miami Nice

CANDY-COLORED stripes and retro, hepcat patterns headline on Vennisac's silk and cotton men's shirts ($85-$150), just off the cruise ship at Moojoo Ken (1512 U St. NW; 202-234-3140). Designed in South Beach, these styles seem destined for mojito-filled nights or casual Fridays.

Grab Bag

2 Indulging a Nesting Instinct

HOVERING SOMEWHERE BETWEEN modern and Victorian, Dwell's new spring bedding patterns ($53-$275, pillowsandthrows.com) feature songbird-strewn duvet covers, pillows fronted by Gothic flourishes and cotton sheets edged in retro-hued linen. Though much of the soft stuff is so popular it's on back order, reserving your bed a new spring wardrobe now insures you'll be snoozing in a well-feathered spot within a few weeks.

Chic for Cheeks

MY, OH, MY. Dior's new Pro Cheeks Ultra-Radiant Blush (in four shades, $30, Sephora) has convinced us that we don't hate cream blushes, so often sticky and smeary. This has the texture of meringue, and the color (that's Catwalk Pink, below) blends super-easily. The look is completely natural, and the formula is extremely long-wearing. Use a light hand, though: A little dot will do you.

3 Flash and Carry

THAT KATHERINE "Grey's Anatomy" Heigl owns this Tucker Paisley bag should not matter. That such ladylike print clutches and totes would look good on your stylish, non-celeb arm should. But if you decide to buy one at Maggie & Lola ($150, $310, 1013 E St. SE; 202-234-2850), beware — the paparazzi can't be far behind.

dear manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOEBLOGGER

I'm wearing a knee-length black dress to my junior prom, and I fear not being dressed-up enough. I don't want to look like a princess or a sherbet, but I need shoes that'll add color and style. — JULIETA

■ Manolo says, oh, how the Manolo remembers his own high school prom; it was the best of times, it was the worst of times. On the one of the hands, the Manolo used the occasion to dress up in his finest frock coat and striped trousers, complete with

the spats, the top hat and the fancy walking stick. He looked like the 17-year-old version of the Rich Uncle Pennybags from the Monopoly.

Yet, on the other of the hands, because no one had actually consented to go to the prom with the Manolo, he was forced to stand outside the gymnasium and make the snide remarks to himself about those who were entering. Such is the manner by which the professional critic is made.

Look! Here from the Guess is the Felecity ($94, zappos), the strappy high-heeled sandal in the bronze color that will enliven the little black dress.

@ Ask the Manolo a question at manolo@shoeblogs.com. Visit the Manolo at shoeblogs.com.

ON THE COVER

At Pop arty Helix Hotel (1430 Rhode Island Ave. NW; 202-462-9001), Emily wears a Marimekko coat ($295, marimekkowashingtondc.com). **Hair and makeup by Richard Bernal, T.H.E. Artist Agency and Skin Beauty Lounge. Model, T.H.E. Artist Agency. Photo by Michelle Repiso.**

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Nemesis Shredder is evil, but looks pretty awesome. Emulate him with OPI's **BIRTHDAY BABE** nail polish, a metallic silver. ($6.50, opi.com for stores)

Get your green on with **SUBLIME**, a new shade of liner/shadow from i.d. bareMinerals. It's deep emerald with a gold shimmer. ($12, Sephora)

Frédéric Fekkai's **CLASSIC BRUSH** has a timeless tortoiseshell look; the boar's-hair bristles will help you defeat the Evil Flyaways. ($85, Sephora)

Teenage Mutant Ninja Beauty

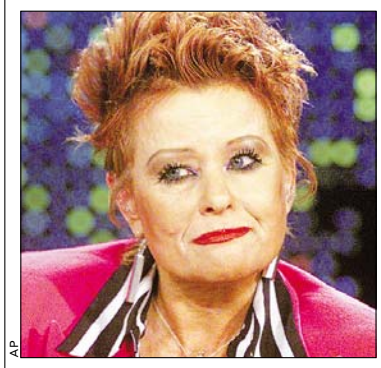
They've gone from obscure graphic-novel heroes to a toy/cartoon juggernaut to early '90s pop-culture trivia. (Can you still name all four? You can? Dork.) Now, the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles are back in an animated film, opening Friday. Celebrate this auspicious moment with these nostalgia-inducing reminders of turtle power. Cowabunga, dude.

KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)

The anthropomorphic crime fighters would advocate kindness to animals. Cleanse with vegan **EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE SOAP** from Lush. ($7.25, lush-usa.com)

Urban Decay's shadow compacts (that's **UZI**, below) are based on subway tokens. We think they mimic manholes, gateways to the Turtle lair. ($16, urbandecay.com)

peeves of the pros



AP

The Tammy Faye look is fine. For her.

PLEASE STOP ...

Lumpy Lashes

"The mascara craze has gone, like, beyond," says Armani Celebrity Face Designer Tim Quinn. "It just looks so clumpy." He understands the desire for lush lashes — after all, they've been a runway staple for a good five years now. But it's a look that requires patience to achieve. "You can get the false-lash look by layering, but you have to take your time," letting one coat dry completely before adding another, says Quinn. A primer such as Smashbox's Layer Lash Primer ($16, Sephora) can help prevent stickiness. And curl lashes before applying mascara, not afterward — that causes clumping, and you might rip hairs out from the roots. Choose a mascara with lots of separators, which will coat each lash. Armani's Maestro Mascara ($26, giorgioarmanibeauty.com) uses four fine-toothed combs instead of a brush, for instance.

Another sure way to avoid tarantula eyes? "Don't apply it in the car." K.P.K.

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CURTAINS UP! Barry Dixon in a McLean showhouse room that clearly adheres to one of his tenets: You "cannot do a formal dining room in Virginia without drapery."

Room to Know

Top designer Barry Dixon on the decisions behind decor

A client's book collection, a view of a quaint pond, and a poorly placed A/C duct — these are the things that drive how an interior designer turns an empty box into a room fit for living. Warrenton, Va.-based designer Barry Dixon, whose high-profile clients have included Diane Sawyer and Bill Frist, delved into the details of his creative process for other pros last week at the Washington Design Center. Here, he spills the beans for the rest of us.

How has your international upbringing shaped your work?
I saw so many things in different locales and cultures. My mother was also a designer and my father was a serious art collector. They'd get too many things and we'd have to figure out how to make them roost together. I became able to see how much different cultures have in common when we tried to coerce all of these seemingly disparate pieces into one style.

Can you just sit down at a desk and think to be inspired for a room?
A watched pot never boils. The best things always just come to me in a flash. Recently, I hadn't decided on a palette for a project. But I went to my barn to collect eggs and they were these wonderful colors: terra cotta, speckled pale brown, wheat, chocolate. I brought the basket of eggs to my clients the next day, and they loved it.

Where's the oddest place inspiration has struck?
The trash. I've literally pulled things out of the trash. I've taken a chair and reupholstered it. I found a garden gate I used as a fireplace screen. Once, I was flying on a plane looking at the clouds below and I sketched them and turned it into the pattern for a carpet.

Sometimes a design is born of necessity, though, right?
We were working with a client with computer monitors in every room. There were 42 of these big black screens. I made the frames of the monitors brushed steel, so I could paint over them. And I digitally imaged the patterns of the walls behind the monitors and turned them into screen savers.

> "I'm inspired by every flea market, even roadside, divey-looking stores."

How do you know if your flashes will mesh with a client's wishes?
You start talking architecturally with drywall and panels. You go to finishes and patina. You become ever more educated to what the ideal is for them. If it's a couple and they haven't been revealing, I'll ask them questions separately and assimilate what they both say to create a fusion of their personalities. You need a balance of hard and soft, masculine and feminine, approachable and worshipable.

I know you've used items from Urban Outfitters in your designs for kids' rooms. Can cheap things inspire you?
They can make the loftier more approachable. I'm inspired by every flea market, even roadside, divey-looking antique stores. I seldom leave any place empty-handed. You pick something because it has color, patina. It will find its way somewhere. You buy something because you love it. I'll seldom know where I'm going to put something in my own house when I buy it.

What do you do if a client is fixated on a bad idea?
I encourage involvement. But I wouldn't let it go if I didn't think it was a good idea. We'd get the gist of what it is that the client liked and make that part of the design. You can't be bashful or timid about exploring far-fetched ideas. The best designs are experiments that pay off. You have to be brave, especially with paint colors. You can always change paint colors. VICKY HALLETT (EXPRESS)

mixed media

Vintage ribbons, feathers, old earrings and a brooch elevate a humble pillow.

BOOKS

Swoon & Festoon

■ Stuff that comes on spools can look downright cool if you're handy enough with glue and staple guns to do the projects in Annabel Lewis' "Ribbons and Trims: 100 Ideas for Personalizing Your Home" ($26, Crown). Pheasant-feather framed mirrors, walls "papered" with ribbon and fringe-decked pillows scream "designer" yet look easy to make even if you aren't a Michaels regular. A gripe: Since this is a Brit import, the list of ribbon shops in the back didn't include U.S. sources. JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)

BOOKS

Flea Brained

■ A sort of record book-shopping guide hybrid, Harry L. Rinker's "My Favorite Finds Flea Market Journal" ($15, Clarkson Potter) sounds like a cute idea. But the short advice section gives decidedly uninspired tips. ("Shop around"? Well, isn't that why you're there, dude?) And a journal to record "new dealers I've met" seems perilously close to stalkerish. J.B.

event horizon

Peer at Bill Clinton's college dorm and ogle JFK's townhouse during walking tours past homes of the famous in Georgetown. $20, March 24, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. See residentassociates.org for more information.

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Graphic Artistry

Andy Warhol's platter-sized posies. Roy Lichtenstein's neon dots. Peter Max's Day-Glo clouds. Pop Art stars bold prints and bolder colors, a combo that's adding painterly punch to spring fashion. Some styles — little jackets with huge spots, Twiggyish trapeze dresses — channel '60s London; others mix subtler hues and shapes. Breezy and slightly beachy, such slightly psychedelic graphics scream Bermuda vacation or night on the town. "Pop prints are an antidote to dreariness," said Marni Frankel of marimekkowashingtondc.com. "They're so happy!" JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)

If Keith Haring had dreamt up dresses, they might have looked like this swingy knit number from Future Paradise. ($165, National Jean Company, 7301 Woodmont Ave., Bethesda; 301-907-0295)

Fruit coup? Repeating patterns decorate Pop canvases and "Paaryna" print bags from Marimekko. The Finnish line revived the 1969 pear fabric for spring 2007. ($109 and $64, marimekkowashingtondc.com)

Be a Factory It Girl — or just the hottest chick at your next gallery opening — in Diane von Furstenberg's stretchy silk bubble dress ($425, shopbop.com) and RSVP's patent peep toes ($70, zappos.com).

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Peter Max's trippy works run many thousands of dollars, but, for under $100, Nine West's Jabin wedges marry printed satin with a woven wedge. ($93, zappos.com)

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Sixties colors get a 2007 spin on Elizabeth McKay's South Beach-goes-SoHo blouse, which would make a great muse for white jeans or denim shorts. ($130, Maggie and Lola, 1013 E St. SE; 202-234-2850)

Stripes of all types deck the work of 1960s artists (Gene Davis, Peter Max) as well as Twinkle by Wenlan's silk mini-skirt — check out the goddessy drape. ($209, shopbop.com)

Shy about making your body a canvas? Add just a smidge of Pop to an otherwise staid ensemble with Poetic License's cotton print ballerinas. ($73, zappos.com)

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Like a Twister mat turned cardi, Boden's Parisian-pretty spotted sweater could go punky over a tee and jeans, or ladylike with a pencil skirt and heels. ($88, bodenusa.com)

Add south-of-the-border brio to a solid white or black sundress with D.C.-based Yinibini's slightly folksy hand-painted wooden bracelets. ($35 each, unsungdesigners.com)

"Shapes Warhol and Max used inspire my jewelry," says D.C.'s Jimmy Mann. His metal earrings add space age flair to a frock or blouse. ($38, mannmadedesigns.com)

Reach for this beach bag, with its summer of love floral print and plush suede bottom, whether you're headed to the Outer Banks or out to coffee with a pal. ($132, zappos.com)

Shoes, an obsession of the dandyish Mr. Warhol, become neon silhouettes on Loop's synthetic patent bag. ($46, zappos.com)

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"Christopher Walken. He's a man of many faces."

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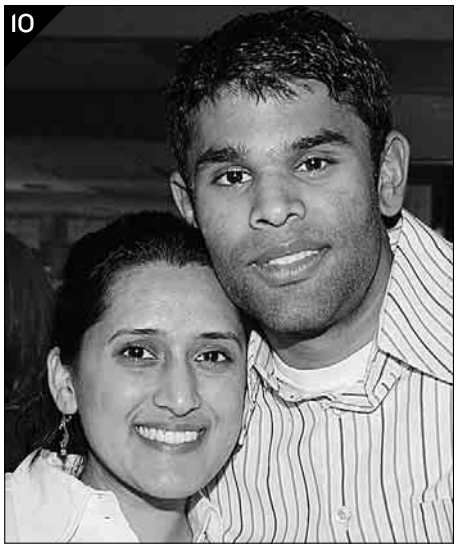

"Chris Rock. He's a man of color and keeps it real."

out there

SEEKING ANSWERS ON THE TOWN

Q Which celebrity should be attorney general?

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1. **"Angelina Jolie. If she can handle the U.N., she can handle anyone,"** Maria Felenyuk, left. **"George Clooney,"** Shane Allbritton. 2. **"Morgan Freeman. He was already the president and God,"** Will Kenney. 3. **"Warren Beatty,"** Bob Ross. **"Stephen Colbert. 'The pen is mightier than the sword — if you fire the pen out of a gun,'"** Liz Zander. 4. **"Carrot Top. He has more credibility than the Bush administration,"** Laura Fischer, left. **"Michael Scott on 'The Office,' because his line 'what she said' would make political debate more interesting,"** Jenny Fischer, center, with Emilee Hopkins. 5. **"Arnold Schwarzenegger, because the Terminator owns me!"** Emily Furman, with Chris King. 6. **"Ed Norton, because he's a passionate, passionate man,"** Natalie Gwin. **"Christopher Walken. He's a man of many faces,"** Jeff Ward. 7. **"Judge Judy. She wears a doily on her neck,"** Sara Habich, with Greg Kooch. 8. **"We both lean left, and Susan Sarandon is there with us,"** Morag Reid, right, and Elana Nightingale. 9. **"Kojak. The first rule to becoming attorney general is to be bald,"** Fabien Fontaine, with Damiana Alvarez. 10. **"Chris Rock. He's a man of color and keeps it real,"** Bhavana Dabir. **"John Leguizamo. He can give that mean, serious look,"** Amit Sinha. 11. **"John McEnroe. He uses his racket like a court hammer,"** Salvador Naranjo, with Roberta Traini. MINA PAHLEVAN

Denim Bar's Monthly Update on the Denim Highground

Fashion TRENDS

Spring is here

Spring is here and it is time to put away those earth toned garments you've been wearing all winter. Sure brown was great when the leaves were falling off the trees, but now is the time to shed off those layers and start letting your brighter side show. Clothes are meant to be an extension of our personalities, so as the days get longer and those flowers start blooming brighter, dress to reflect the change. Colored denim is a great addition to a number of spring collections and is cool no matter what your age. Even for those with a more conservative style a pair of nice colored jeans (even white) can compliment the brighter colors that make spring so much fun. Break out your favorite dress and keep your eyes peeled for some overalls, a sexy addition to the spring.

Men should pay attention to colors as well. Men's spring lines are very colorful without being feminine. Guys and girls alike can appreciate a guy who can put some colors together. Try using a bright "pop" color, layered under a more basic top, to make a wonderful addition to an outfit.

Designers you should *know and own:*

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Ksubi – This Australian designer has a huge following in its homeland "down under." These guys aren't afraid of color and are about to make it big in the states.

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BY INVITATION ONLY: UPCOMING WEDDINGS & UNIONS

Sasha Horne, Antoine Skrine

Sasha, 22, is an assistant for the radio department at the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. Antoine, 26, is a government contractor at Fort Belvoir. They will live in Arlington after they marry.

- **The Main Event:** A semiformal, candlelight ceremony for 80 guests in the chapel at Charleston Air Force Base, S.C., on March 31.
- **How They Met:** At the Plex, a club near the base where they'll marry. "But I tell everyone we met at the library," Sasha said. "I never thought I would actually meet my husband at a bar!"
- **First Impressions:** "I thought her skirt was really short," Antoine said.
- **First Date:** "He had to work on Christmas, so I brought him a home-cooked dinner," Sasha said. "I drove one and a half hours from my hometown to his dorm room on the military base."
- **How He Proposed:** "He was stationed in Qatar for five months, and he had the ring shipped to my summer job," Sasha said.
- **Their Song:** "Ordinary People" by John Legend. "When we first heard it, we were riding in the car together, and it just fit our relationship," Antoine said.
- **Making It Unique:** In memory of Sasha's mother, there will be a seat next to her father on which they will place a dozen white roses.
- **Wedding Jitters:** "I'm afraid that everything will go wrong!" Sasha said.

"I think I always knew. I'd never met anyone like him."

Groom Needs GPS

Group dates are fun. Bowling, roller skating, séances — but a girls' night out? That was the first excursion for ANDREW MULLINS and ALISON TURECEK. After meeting at a bar in Milford, Conn., Alison discovered that Andy was moving in three days. "Since I already had plans, I invited him out with me and seven of my girlfriends," Alison said. "That night, I could tell he was a perfect fit for me, because he mingled with all of my friends while not taking his eyes off me. It was so cute the way he would let me know he was interested in me and only me."

The two will have their reception at the Ronald Reagan Building, assuming Andy doesn't get lost. "I have missed several other weddings of family and friends, so it could happen," he said. "We practice getting there weekly," Alison said.

Andy, 27, is a human factors engineer for General Dynamics. Alison, 27, is an attorney for Lessard Group Inc. They live in Arlington and will marry on April 28 in Washington.

Ta' Kia Hawkins, Marcus Toomer

Ta' Kia, 28, is a school counselor for Prince George's County Public Schools. Marcus, 29, is a sales representative for Pepsi. They live in District Heights.

- **The Main Event:** A March 24 ceremony for 200, at the Villa in Beltsville.
- **How They Met:** While in college. "We both worked at the local Wal-Mart," Ta' Kia said.
- **First Date:** "We went out to eat at Applebee's," Ta' Kia said. "He was embarrassed after I laughed at him for licking his fingers."
- **Stupidest Fight:** "We fight over the TV," Ta' Kia said. "He likes to play video games on one and watch ESPN on the other. We generally get along during basketball season, but it gets brutal during football season."
- **When She Knew:** "About a month after we met, I slammed my finger in his car door on our way to work," Ta' Kia said. "He panicked and acted like I was going to die. He insisted that we go to the hospital; I went to shut him up. He sped to the emergency room and paced the floor as if I were dying. Afterward, he called every 15 minutes to see how I was doing."
- **Pet Names:** Ta' Kia's is "Boo Boo." Marcus' is "Poo Face."
- **Wedding Jitters:** Ta' Kia worries that "we won't smile. I have to tell myself to smile."

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9	7	3	8	4	1	5	6	2	4	1	3	7	8	9	1	2	5	4	6	3
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1	3	7	8	4	2	5	9	6				2	7	5	9	4	3	8	1	6
2	4	6	5	9	3	7	8	1				3	8	9	1	2	6	7	4	5
9	5	8	6	1	7	2	3	4				1	4	6	7	5	8	9	3	2

How to Play

The rules of Samurai Sudoku are the same as in the popular Sudoku puzzles that appear in Express and The Washington Post.

As with standard Sudoku, the Samurai version requires no math, just logic, reasoning ... and an iron will. The goal is to fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles.

A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another. As always, there's only one solution, which will appear in next week's edition of Weekend Styles.

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